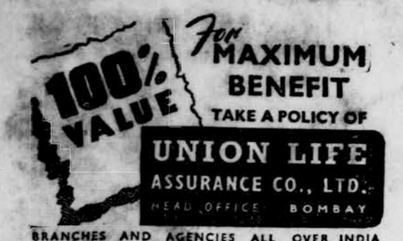

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CENTRAL ASSEMBLY TO THROW OUT FINANCE BILL

CONGRESS AND LEAGUE PARTIES MUSTER STRENGTH: MAJORITY OF NATIONALISTS TO FALL IN LINE

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 21.

Lobby indications show that the Congress and League parties in the Central Assembly, which anticipate a muster of 22 votes each, are determined to throw out the Finance Bill at the consideration stage in the Assembly.

They also anticipate to securing two votes from the Independents and at least two from the unattached members.

Nationalists are still wavering. They would like to consider and "mutilate" the bill. The majority amongst them are also in favour of throwing out the bill at the first reading stage, and the majority's view, it is expected, will prevail. This would give 57 votes to the Opposition to throw out the bill successfully.

GOVERNMENT'S PLAN

Government on the other hand are holding up the certification of Railway cuts pending the Assembly's decision on the Finance Bill. The Railway cut of 10 crores actually, if uncertified, does not affect the position of railway finances as the cut only affects the reserves.

Lobby indications show that Government will abide by the Assembly's verdict and will not enhance Railway freights, if the Assembly passes the Finance Bill. The position is expected to crystallize by Thursday, March 23.

SELLING INDIA BIT BY BIT TO AMERICA

Congress M.L.A.'s Charge Against Government

Sir Vithal Chandavarkar, resuming his speech in the Assembly today, the third day of the general debate on the Finance Bill, said that the increase in Corporation Tax would not only check any rise in the purchasing power in the hands of the people but would reduce the purchasing power in their hands even below the pre-war level.

In the case of Excess Profits Tax, he was not opposed to the idea of immobilisation but felt that a reduction from 19.64 to 17.64 per cent would cover a very large number of hard cases. Coupled with this he would like Government to empower the Central Board of Revenue to pay companies out of their deposits, amounts for renovating their machinery. The Commissioner of Income-Tax should also be given powers to extend the time limit for payment of deposits or advance payments of taxes in suitable cases. He realised that day must come when Death Duties would be levied but he felt there would be innumerable difficulties in the path of any finance member—even the Finance Member of a National Government—to carry out a scheme of Death Duties. He welcomed the proposal to fix maximum ceiling rate for taxes of insurance companies but suggested, that Government should agree to fix 54 pies instead of 63 pies as proposed in the bill.

Referring to control of capital issues, Sir Vithal said, there was a feeling in the country that Government were not anxious to see new industries grow up or old industries expand and asked for an assurance from the Finance Member that this was not so.

END POLITICAL DEADLOCK

He referred to the political situation in the country and said if the British Government were serious they should forget what had happened in the past and without trying to apportion blame proceed to legislate on the lines of making India self-governing. There were bound to be irreconcilables but they should not distract the policy of His Majesty's Government if they really meant business. He welcomed the combination of the Congress and Muslim League parties in the Assembly and hoped that a situation would arise when the understanding which was created in the House would spread out and bring about a better and wider understanding in the country.

"Sir Ziauddin Ahmed urged that steps should be taken to increase the power of production in this country and also the purchasing power of the Rupee should be fixed. A paper rupee, he said, should be equivalent to a tola of silver and Government might impose restrictions in regard the buying of silver and speculation in the markets.

Referring to the sale of gold, Sir Ziauddin said that the Reserve Bank was acting as a "black market" for the sale of gold on behalf of U.S.A., and U.K. to India. The world parity rate of gold was about Rs. 42 per oz. while the Reserve Bank sold it for Rs. 71. He asserted that this was nothing but black market rates and he said that the House should openly censure the Directors of the Reserve Bank for allowing such sales.

The Finance Member intervening pointed out that Dr. Ziauddin should not attack people who were not on the floor of the House.

Sir Ziauddin went on to refer to the Bombay plan which he thought was "an unholy alliance between the millionaires of India and the multi-millionaires of England to rob the poor in India.

"If we wanted democracy the less we talked for industrialists plan the better."

ALIGARH UNIVERSITY

Sir Ziauddin continued that the Education Department was not rendering all the help they could to the Aligarh University.

It had a plan for the teaching of military science but the Government had not yet given any help to execute the plan. Over 50 engineering graduates of the University had joined war services but the Government had not thought it proper to grant even a Rupee towards the college.

Dealing with the Food Administration, Sir Ziauddin suggested that the head of the Department should be an I.C.S. or an honest public man, who should have no business concerns himself." He also urged that the 'grow more food' campaign should be pursued more vigorously and at least 25 per cent of the uncultivated lands should be brought under cultivation.

Sir Ziauddin suggested the levy of an excess—dividends tax. He urged that the maximum dividends to be declared should not be more than 9 per cent and any excess over that should come into the Exchequer as Excess Dividends Tax.

"SELLING INDIA BIT BY BIT TO AMERICA"

Lala Shamlal (Congress) who spoke for over 80 minutes expressed opposition to the Finance Bill, explained the Quit India resolution, spoke on the efficiency of non-violence, referred to the treatment of Indians in South Africa and criticised the Government for importing foreign troops to India and "for selling India bit by bit to America". He said that the new taxes proposed were not justified and that "taxes have been rising by leaps and bounds—taxes imposed by the Legislature, by ordinances, rules and orders."

Referring to those members who supported the Government Lala Shamlal said that they would one day find out that they were wrong. They should, therefore, join the Opposition and vote with them. He likewise, amid laughter, invited the Finance Member also "to cast his vote with the popular side".

Turning to the 'Quit India' resolution, he asserted, that there was nothing "immoral or illegal in it." The resolution, he maintained, would stand and he urged that a National Government should be formed and that foreign rule should go.

Mr. C. P. Lawson (European Group) referred to the expenditure incurred on Civil Defence equipment and asked whether these had been concentrated in the danger areas where it was needed.

Dealing with the requisitioning of accommodation for the military in Calcutta, Mr. Lawson said Government's building programme for Calcutta was just one year too late.

MILITARY VEHICLES DO IT

Commenting on the driving of military vehicles, particularly in Calcutta, Mr. Lawson stated that the drivers of these vehicles seemed to divide the public into two classes—the "quick" and the dead (laughter). The "quick" were definitely those who were quick enough to get out of the way. The Calcutta Tramways Company, he went on, suffered rather badly because tram cars were not quick enough to get out of the way. (More laughter). During the last six months, no less than Rs. 12,000 worth damage had been done to the Calcutta Tramways and the compensation so far paid was the princely sum of Rs. 45 (renewed laughter) Nine hundred cases were "brushing against trams while overtaking", in 31 cases stationary trams had been maltreated; in 32 cases they had been knocked against on the front and in 12 cases from the rear. (More laughter). If these activities continued, he was wondering how long we would be there to welcome the troops as we wished to do.

DON'T REPEAT ERROR

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta pointed out three constitutional irregularities and improprieties which he said had been committed by Government and which he urged should be remedied even now. First was the retention in the ways and means part of the budget the sum of ten crores which by its vote the House had decided the Government should go without; second was the retention of the contribution of Rs. 32 crores to General Revenues from the Railway surplus without a specific resolution of the House to that effect, third was that the amount of money which had been reduced by the various cuts passed by the House both in the Railway and the General Budget had not been treated as so reduced.

The vote of the House on the first

(Continued on Page 5)

BR. 'SUBS' SINK SEVEN JAP SHIPS

LONDON, March 21.—Further successful attacks on Japanese supply shipping are reported by British submarines operating in the Far Eastern waters, stated an Admiralty 'communique' to-day.

During recent patrols seven ships, including two of medium size and two of small size, were sunk. In addition a large supply ship and one of medium size were torpedoed and severely damaged. A smaller vessel which was attacked by gun fire was driven ashore and burst into into flames and was still burning five hours later.

Off the east coast of Sumatra, one of the British submarines fought a brisk gun-action with a large river steamer scoring more than 20 hits on the Japanese vessel, which was seen in a sinking condition.

R.A.F. RAID ON ANGOULEME

The Air Ministry announced today: "Last night a small force of 'Lancasters' of the Bomber Command attacked an important explosives works at Angouleme, 60 miles north-east of Bordeaux. 'Mosquitos' attacked targets in western Germany.

TARGETS IN PAS DE CALAIS BOMBED

The Eighth Air Force Headquarters announce that B 25 'Liberators' bombed military objectives in Pas de Calais area of occupied France today.

15 JAP SHIPS SUNK

WASHINGTON, March 21.—U.S. submarines have sunk 15 Japanese ships in operations in the Pacific not previously announced, the Navy Secretary Col. Frank Knox stated to-day.

The U.S. Navy Secretary Col. Frank Knox announced to-day that 38 carrier escorts had been delivered to the British under Lend-Lease. They will form part of the anti-submarine fleet of the Allies.

WASHINGTON, March 20: The United States auxiliary submarine rescue vessel 'Macaw" sank in the Pacific on February 13 it was officially disclosed night.

The American destroyer escort 'Leopold' has been sunk in the Atlantic according to a navy "communique" issued here to-night. She is the 145 ship announced lost by the United States Navy.—Reuter.

Heavy 3-Day Air Bombing Precedes Occupation Of Enemy's Mountain Stronghold

NEW DELHI, March 21

Gurkha troops and Kachin Levies, under the leadership of Brigadier John Bowerman, have captured the Japanese mountain stronghold of Sumprabum, key point in the Fort Hertz-Valley, says a press note issued from General Stilwell's headquarters in India.

Securing the right flank of General Stilwell's push toward the Mogaung Valley, Chinese troops captured Pumnwe Ga in the Wantuk range on March 19.

Chinese troops have further extended their positions out of Jambu Bum —A.P.

NAZIS OFFER STIFF RESISTANCE

LONDON, March 21.

From Reuter's special correspondent at Advanced Allied Headquarters in Italy:

After five days bitter fighting the battle for Kesselrings' fortress of Cassino was still raging yesterday. Mayor Hellman's parachute troops, reinforced with Panzer Grenadiers, continued to offer fierce resistance and mopping up has been slower.

ALLIED COMMUNIQUE

Mediterranean Allied Force Advance Headquarters: Today's Allied Communique states: "LAND: The struggle for Cassino continues. The enemy reinforced in his strongpoints is fighting stubbornly The enemy has the advantage of observation and his shelling of the Cassino town has increased. Despite this New Zealand troops continued to reduce enemy fortifications and many prisoners have been taken.

British troops of the Fifth Army Allied bridgehead force made two successful raids on enemy positions. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Our artillery fired very heavy concentrations.

NEW SOVIET GAINS

MOSCOW, March 20.

The armies of Marshals Koniev and Zhukov have now reached the beginning of the mountain barrier of Easten Europe, cables Reuter's staff correspondent in Moscow.

Crests of the Carpathians can already be seen by Marshal Koniev's massed divisions as they advance across Bessarabia and clear the path to the river Pruth—the frontier of Rumania proper—now only 40 miles ahead.

The Russians have captured Chervono-Armeisk and Radziwilow.

Monday night's Soviet communique reported the capture of Vinnitsa and Mogilev-Podolski.

Marriage Of Mr. Shayda's Son

The marriage of Mr. Rajab, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shayda, with Miss Shanta, daughter of Mr. C. L. Panjwani, was celebrated at Noorbagh on Tuesday. Mr. Shayda gave a lunch party on Tuesday at Purohit's restaurant at which Pundit Omkarnath was the guest of honour and Mr. Pranlal D. Nanji, presided.

STILWELL ON BURMA FRONT

Lt.-Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, Commander of U. S. forces in China, Burma and India, pauses for a "breather" somewhere on the north Burma front. The men with him are his personal bodyguard. The man wearing a helmet is Dara Singh, an Indian who was born in Singapore and was formerly a contract trucker on the old Burma Road and later a colonel in the Chinese Army The three others are Americans.

GERMANS OCCUPY HUNGARY

New Cabinet Formed With Nazi Minority Leader: Former Ministers Arrested

STOCKHOLM, March 21.

From Reuter's special correspondent:

Reports from a diplomatic source so far unconfirmed said today that the former Hungarian Prime Minister, Bela Imredy, has formed a new Government. His cabinet is said to include the Fuehrer of the German minority in Hungary, Herr Basch.

Other reports said that the Germans had begun widespread arrests, particularly of Foreign Office officials throughout the country.

A Wilhelmstrasse spokesman is quoted as having said before reports of occupation of Hungary were published: 'German foreign policy is now concentrated on measures to intensify the campaign against the Soviet. Nations of Three-Power Pact must now marshall all their forces."

The Swedish newspaper "Aftonbladet" this afternoon published a report under Berne date line that troops of S.S. (Nazi Black Guards) are patrolling the main streets of Budapest.

HORTHY A PRISONER

Hungarian circles in Stockholm confirm the earlier reports that the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Horthy and the Hungarian Foreign Minister, War Minister and Commander-in-Chief are "prisoners' of Germans.

NAZIS OCCUPY HUNGARY

LONDON, March 21: The Ankara radio tonight broadcast a message from the Bucharest correspondent of the Turkish News Agency confirming that the Germans have occupied Hungary and that all important communication points are under German control.

Earlier Reports

A London message dated Monday said:—

Reports coming in late tonight strengthen the belief that German troops have occupied the whole of Hungary.

HORTHY LEAVES BUDAPEST

The first Berlin explanation reaching diplomatic circles here is that the occupation of Hungary was made to reinforce the three power pact

Hungarian sources here say that Admiral Horthy and his suite left Budapest on Friday.

HUNGARIAN TROOPS ARE STATED TO HAVE RESISTED WHEN THE GERMANS MARCHED INTO HUNGARY. Reports from Budapest quoted by the Berne Correspondent of the "Svenska Dagbladet" said that the Germans invaded Hungary from the north and also from Rumania.—Reuter.

NEW SOVIET ATTACK ON FINLAND

Sequel To Breakdown Of Peace Negotiations

BERLIN, March 21: New Soviet attacks on the Finnish front were reported in to-day's Finnish Communique as issued by the German news agency.

"In the western part of the Karelian Isthmus, north of Leningrad and in the central sector of the eastern front our troops repelled enemy shock troops' activity at four different points".

Moscow Denies Bombing Of Helsinki

MOSCOW, March 20: The Moscow Radio to-night broadcast an emphatic denial by the Soviet Information Bureau of to-day's German report to the effect that Russian aircraft bombed Helsinki on March 19th.

Finland Turns Down Peace Terms

The Finnish radio early on Tuesday broadcast a "communique" stating that the Finnish Government is unable to accept the Russian terms. —Reuter.

Sequel To Eruption Of Vesuvius

LONDON, March 21.

The Rome radio to-day said: "It has just been learned that the village of San Sebastiano has been completely destroyed by lava flow from the Vesuvius.

The village of Masia di Somma has also been engulfed by lava.

States Merger Bill Becomes Law

WESTMINSTER, March 21: The India (Attachment of States) Bill received the Royal assent and became law to-day.

President Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, March 21: President Roosevelt is confined to his residential quarters with a head cold announced the White House Secretary Mr. Stephen Early to-day. He said President Roosevelt had no temperature but the doctor advised him not to leave his study.—Reuter.

MYSORE RAISES TWO CRORE LOAN

BANGALORE, March 21.

The Government of Mysore have decided to raise a loan of two crores of Rupees as an anti-inflationary measure and as feeder to Government of India's Fourth Defence Loan.

Jinnah Meets Premier Again

LAHORE, March 21.

Following his last night's three-hour conference with the Muslim members of the Punjab Assembly Mr M. A. Jinnah was closetted for nearly an hour this evening with Malik Khizar Hyat Khan Tiwana Premier of the Punjab, and his two Muslim colleagues at the residence of the Nawab of Mamdot.

It is understood that the talk related to the position of the Muslim League Party in the Punjab Assembly. Only preliminary matters are said to have been discussed at this meeting and further talks on the subject are likely on the return of the Premier from Sargodha, where he is proceeding to-night to see his ailing father, Gen. Nawab Sir Umar Hyat Khan Tiwana.—A.P.

Doctor Killed In Motor Accident

On Tuesday evening Dr. B. S. Photographer, living at Marine Lines, was involved in a motor accident at Queen's Road and was removed to the G. T. Hospital where he died after 2 hours.

STOP PRESS

FOUR VICHY OFFICIALS SHOT

ALGIERS, March 21.

From Reuter's special correspondent.

The four men sentenced to death in the recent "torture" trial at Algiers were shot this morning.

SIR HENRY MAITLAND WILSON AT CAIRO

CAIRO, March 21: Allied Supreme Commander in the Mediterranean, Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, arrived here to-day.

LONDON, March 21: There was no hint of the crisis in the Hungarian news agency midday broadcast.—Reuter.

JINNAH GIVES BURIAL TO PUNJAB UNIONIST PARTY

SAYS NEITHER HE NOR LEAGUE WERE PARTY TO JINNAH-SIKANDAR PACT

Premier Meets Governor

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, March 21.

Having made a pincer attack on the Unionist Party and the stalwart of Unionism, Sir Choturam, and having given the verdict that the organisation of Jat Sabha and Rajput Sabha were un-Islamic and as such should not be tolerated, Mr. Jinnah stepped into the Punjab Assembly building in rather a victor's mood to meet the Muslim members of the Punjab Assembly.

Special care was taken to keep the Press out. The gates of the meeting strong room were strongly guarded.

After three hours' prolonged discussion with Punjab Muslim M.L.A.s on Monday Mr. Jinnah when approached by the press sadi it was a friendly chat and nothing more.

The Punjab Premier Malik Khizar Hyat Khan Tiwana, who was trying to be cheerful and composed, when requested if he had been under fire of cross-examination said he enjoyed tea at some body's expense.

JINNAH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT

It is learnt that when some apologia was offered by the Punjab Premier, who participated in the discussion said that they were governed by the Sikandar-Jinnah Pact, but Mr. Jinnah declared that there was no such thing as Sikandar-Jinnah Pact and neither Mr. Jinnah nor the League were a party to the pact. The document referred as Jinnah-Sikandar Pact was in his view a mere document drafted by the late Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan for his own benefit and satisfaction said Mr. Jinnah.

Mr. Jinnah told the Muslim members to follow their leader the Punjab Premier, if members felt sure he was right. In case they thought their leader was pursuing a path which would lead astray they should turn him out.

PREMIER MEETS GOVERNOR

Serious developments are expected in the Parliamentary politics of the Punjab during the next few days. The Punjab Assembly session, which was to be concluded on March 30 would end abruptly probably on the 24th instant.

Malik Khizar Hyat, Punjab Premier had long discussion with the Punjab Governor in the Assembly Hall Cabinet room yesterday.

Lobby circles think that the meeting was in connection with Mr. Jinnah's activities in the Punjab.

SIKANDAR DID IT FOR HIS OWN SATISFACTION!

LAHORE, March 21.—The declaration that neither he nor the League was a party to what is known as the Jinnah-Sikandar Pact and that the Unionist Party was dead was made by Mr. Jinnah at a three-hour conference held by him last night with Muslim members of the Punjab Assembly, including half a dozen who sit on the Opposition benches.

It is understood that Mr. Jinnah explained that the name Jinnah-Sikandar Pact was a misnomer. Sir Sikandar, he said drew up that document himself and wanted to give it the fullest publicity so that the whole world might know that the Punjab with its full force was behind the Muslim League. How could he (Mr. Jinnah) object to the propaganda that Sir Sikandar wanted to carry on in favour of the League?

Mr. Jinnah recalled that on his return to the Punjab after attending the Lucknow session of the League in 1937 Sir Sikandar sent Mr. Jinnah over 70 forms duly filled in by Muslim members of the Punjab Assembly expressing their agreement to become members of the Muslim League. From the day these members signed the League pledge, Mr. Jinnah maintained they ceased to be members of the Unionist Party Since 1937 he declared, the Unionist Party had not been functioning at all. Its creed and policy were dead and even Sir Chhoturam who originally belonged to the Unionist Party, had formed a separate group with 13 followers. The Unionist Party, therefore, was dead and the Muslim League Party had entered into coalition with other groups

PREMIER'S PLEA

Malik Khizar Hyat Khan Tiwana Premier of the Punjab, is reported to have indicated at the meeting that Sir Sikandar had undertaken certain commitments and as an honest man he (Premier) was bound up by those commitments.

Mr. Jinnah in reply emphasised that by entering into a coalition with Sir Chhoturam's group and others Sir Sikandar did not undertake any commitments which were binding on his successor or the Muslim League There was no undertaking by Sir Sikandar of a permanent or ever-lasting nature and the League Party was at liberty to continue the coalition so long as it was desirable to do so.

Mr. Jinnah further emphasised that if there was anybody who stood by honesty and honour, he would always command his admiration and respect and he commended honesty with all his heart. But honesty on one side while the other side was undermining them could not be tolerated. Was it, he asked, honest for the other side to exploit the League because the name of the Unionist Party was adopted and are we bound to continue coalition with a group which is not fair in its dealings with us.

Mr. Jinnah insisted on Muslim members setting their house in order.

It was clear, he said, that the disease was there and it must be uprooted. He could not understand why the name "Unionist" was sacrosanct and should not be dropped if it was exploited by their opponents or enemies. Mr Jinnah appealed to them to drop the false trade mark as the League Party was passed off as the original Unionist Party simply because the name Unionist Party had been adopted by this coalition. Sardar Baldev Singh's group was never in the original Unionist Party and yet they were in the coalition.—A.P.

ON PRINTER'S DEVIL FRONT

(From D. F. Karaka.)

CALCUTTA, March 21.

This morning's 'Statesman' reproducing the New Delhi Communique acknowledged to A.P.I. says:

"Heavy bombers of the Strategic Air Force, Eastern Air Command, ... maintained their offensive From all these operations one Allied airfield is missing."

The things that happen on this printer's devil front.

National Registers Of Research Workers

It is understood that the Shanmukham Chetty Committee which met in camera again on Tuesday, is likely to propose the preparation of two national registers, one dealing with persons qualified to conduct industrial and scientific research and the other giving particulars about persons engaged in research.

The first register, should be comprehensive and the task of compiling it should be entrusted to a non-official agency such as the National Institute of Science of India. As regards the other register relating to persons engaged in research work, the Committee, it is understood, has decided to undertake the initial preparation of the register and agreed that its subsequent maintenance should be entrusted to an un-official agency like the National Institute of Science of India. The Committee also approved of the questionnaire which will be sent to Government departments and important commercial bodies with a view to eliciting the necessary information on these points.

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CONTROL OF COAL PRICES

Grant Of Bonuses On Increased Output

NEW DELHI, March 21.

The Government of India have decided to introduce a coal control scheme for controlling the distribution and prices of coal and for encouraging the industry to increase the output.

The scheme comprises five parts, namely, estimation of the monthly output of each colliery appointment of a Coal Control Board, distribution of all output of Government at fixed prices, encouragement of production by grant of bonuses on increased output free of Excess Profits Tax and the control of mining operations.

COAL CONTROL BOARD

There will be a Coal Control Board to advise the Government on the working of the scheme. This Board will consist of two nominees of the Indian Mining Association, one nominee each of the Indian Mining Federation, the Indian Colliery Owners' Association and the Central Provinces and Berar Mining Association two representatives of consumers to be nominated by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and one nominee of the Indian Coal Merchants' Association at Jharia.

The Chairman of the Board will be nominated by the Government.

When the scheme comes into force Government will control the distribution by collieries of all coal, whether despatched by rail or by road or staked on Government account, at prices fixed by Government. Control of distribution will be exercised by orders issued on individual collieries, and control of prices charged by collieries by general order.

BONUSES ON INCREASED OUTPUT

The scheme provides for the grant of bonuses on increased output, these bonuses being free of Excess Profit Tax but liable to Income Tax. The estimated cost of such bonuses will be met from a fund to be created by levying a cess on all coal and coke despatched under Government orders. It is proposed to fix the cess for the period from April 1 to September 30, 1944 at four annas per ton.

The bonuses will be paid six monthly to each colliery undertaking on the excess of tonnage disposed of under the orders of Government over the target tonnage for that colliery undertaking.

As an incentive to mining labour, it is learned, Government, have under consideration certain alterations in the grain concessions now in force. These alterations are expected to be greater benefit to the labour, chiefly, by preventing waste of food grains.

The Control scheme mainly affects industrial consumers and it is understood that the interests of domestic consumers will be looked after by Provincial Governments from the quotas allotted to them. —A. P.

SURPLUS BUDGET FOR U. P.

LUCKNOW, March 21.

An anticipated surplus of 438 lakhs of which 400 have been allotted to five different funds, an increase in excise duties to produce an extra 35 lakhs in excise receipts, no floating of permanent loan and some far-reaching schemes for the improvement of the medical facilities and hospitals—these are some of the salient features of the United Provinces Government budget for the year 1944-45.

Provision for improved medical facilities include the organisation of a Provincial Nursing Service and the provincialisation of certain Sadar Hospitals. Most of the increase of 12 lakhs under agriculture will be devoted to intensify the "Grow More Food" campaign and the establishment of the new department of animal husbandry.—United Press.

Madras Budget Surplus

MADRAS, March 20.

A small surplus of Rs. 77,000 is anticipated in the budget estimates for the year 1944/45 published to-day by the Madras Government. The estimated revenue is 30,20,74,000 and expenditure 30,19,97,000. The expenditure includes a contribution of Rs. 554 lakhs to the reserve fund for post-war reconstruction schemes. No fresh taxation is proposed but the increased General Sales Tax introduced in October 1943 and the partial abolition of Prohibition are to continue.—A. P.

Jamiat Protest To Churchill And Roosevelt

BOMBAY, March 20: The Bombay Jamait-ul-Ulema has sent telegrams to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Lord Wavell "resenting the pro-Jewish attitude of President Roosevelt" and urging the keeping of the British pledge to close the Jewish immigration into Palestine from April, 1944.

The telegram demands the establishment of an Arab national state immediately.—A. P.

WHITHER, BIG THREE?

Plea For Real Political Cohesion

(From A Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, March 21.

Russia's dramatic entry into Rumania and her unilateral action recognising Badoglio's Government have suddenly brought to the fore political issues of the Allied war and peace aims. The British press is discussing the various issues involved and the problems arising therefrom.

Editorially commenting on the subject, the "Daily Mail" says: "Here is a situation which could conceivably lead to a collapse of the war any time from now onwards. That would be an undiluted blessing if we were prepared for it and if we are not ready it would lead to tragedy. Are we ready? Will the United Nations be as united on the day of peace as they are in the determination to smash Germany? In other words is there a United Nations' foreign policy or just a British policy, an American policy and a Russian policy? These questions are being everywhere asked for recent events seemed to indicate that even now there is no real political cohesion among the 'Big Three'."

The paper suggests that President Roosevelt's announcement handing the Italian fleet to Russia and Russia's recognition of Badoglio and America's request to Eire to expel Axis diplomats seem to imply the absence of a United Nation's policy which is considered dangerous.

The "Sunday Observer" remarks: "Politically and economically all is confusion and we can only speak of unconditional surrender with nothing yet to put in place of the tyranny we destroy."

Orissa Ban: No Criticism Of Food Policy

CUTTACK, March 21: Public processions, meetings or assemblies for criticising or discussing the policy of the Central Government or the provincial Government in regard to procurement and distribution of foodgrains without previous permission of the District Magistrate have been prohibited by an Orissa Government notification issued under Rule 56 of the Defence of India Rules. The notification adds that no person shall take part in any public procession, meeting or assembly held in contravention of this.—A. P.

Bad Food Prospects In Bhopal

BHOPAL, March 21: This year's rabi crop in Bhopal, which promised to be a good one, has been badly affected by hail and rain. The authorities are faced with prospects of a food shortage.

The failure of the last wheat crop, which is the staple crop in the state, created a difficult food situation and a food crisis was averted only by prompt measures taken by the authorities.—A. P.

Bengal Press Workers' Demands

CALCUTTA, March 21.

The All-Bengal Press Workers' Conference was held yesterday at the Indian Association Hall under the presidency of Mr. Jalaluddin Hashemi, Deputy Speaker of the Bengal Assembly. The Conference demanded immediate formation of a democratic Government and also increased basic pay and dearness allowance for press workers.—United Press.

New Offer To Dr. Jha

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, March 20.

Report is current here Dr. Amarnath Jha, Vice-Chancellor, Allahabad University is offered the post of Director of Public Instruction of the United Provinces. Dr. Jha has left for Lucknow. Probably he has been invited by the Governor to see him. Dr. Jha is said to be not keen on accepting the new post but if he accepts the post, it would be a very striking appointment as Indians seldom get a chance to hold this post.

Indian Shippers Protest Against Immigration Restrictions In East Africa

That the new immigration restrictions in East Africa have been brought into operation only to stop Indian immigration completely was the fear expressed at a special general meeting of the Africa Shippers Association held on March 19 in Bombay under the presidentship of Mr. Dawood Hajee Nasser.

The meeting resolved that as the Government of India was implicated in those restrictions, it should bring pressure on the Africa Governments to repeal this harmful legislation jeopardising Indian rights. The president exhorted Indians to fight this measure with the same tenacity as they did at the time of clove monopoly in Zanzibar.

Dispute Between Powells' And Employees

In the award made by adjudicator, Mr. E. M. Nanavutty, I.C.S. (Retd.), the principal demands of the workmen in Powells' factory as urged by the Surgical Workers' Union (Red Flag), that is, 25 per cent increase in the present wages, increase in dearness allowance, extra two months bonus in addition to one month's bonus already paid, have all been disallowed. As regards bonus, he distinctly writes that the workers of Powells Ltd., far from being entitled to three months wages by way of bonus ought not to have got even a month's wages by way of bonus. It was out of sheer goodness of heart and in order to encourage the workers to put heart and soul into their work that the bonus of a month's wage was granted to the employees by the Directors of the Company.

BOMBAY WOMEN'S WORK GUILD —The annual general meeting of the Bombay Women's Work Guild was held on the 13th instant at the P. V. M. Gymkhana when Lady Jehangir presided. Mrs. Desai in presenting the Annual Report stated that the membership stood at 814, consisting of 447 Life Members and 367 Ordinary Members. She gave details of the help rendered to poor and needy children in different Municipal Schools and Hospitals by the gift of clothes. Lady Jehangir said that despite the present strenuous times, the Guild had continued to hold its own to carry on the charitable work among Schools, Hospitals and other Institutions who were accustomed to look to it for help and support.

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The University Syndicate has decided that Sanskrit will be a compulsory subject for All private candidates for the Admission Examination of 1945 and thereafter. No exemption from this rule will be given to those who have failed to appear in or failed to pass the Admission Examination of 1944 or earlier years.

NEW DELHI, March 20: Shrimati Rajrani, wife of Dr. Yudvir Singh, was convicted to-day under D. I. R. 39 for alleged possession of prejudicial reports and was sentenced to undergo three months' imprisonment by the Additional District Magistrate of Delhi. Dr. Yudvir Singh is also in detention since August, 1942.—United Press.

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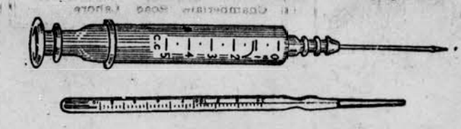

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Bombay Races

MAGIC MOUNT WINS WILLINGDON PLATE

Disaster In Store For Punters

(FROM OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT)

Disaster was in store for punters at Mahaluxmi to-day on the Fifth Day of the Spring Meeting.

Firm favourites failed to win in as many as eight events. The biggest of the surprises was landed in the last event, when the most neglected Cobalt, who had failed on several occasions, gained a facile five lengths victory. He rewarded a handful of his supporters with Rs. 282 for each tenner invested. Malone, his trainer, earned a lucrative double by winning earlier in the day with Scotch Mist.

Magic Mount beat off the heavily weighted Ginger Boy in the day's chief event, the Willingdon Plate.

In the Champagne Stakes, the Baroda-owned King's Jester won by the margin of a head from Happy Fate. The winner's energy was kept in reserve for most part of the journey and if desired by his rider he could have easily recorded a bigger verdict. Snowfall was a close third and Jaiwant finished fourth.

Exciting finish was witnessed only once during the programme and that was in the third division of the Bandra Plate in which apprentices of the Club only participated. Noble Duke, Flower of Calcutta, Karam-al-Rahim and Robinhood who occupied their berths on the board in the order mentioned kept only hair-breadth margin from each other.

The following are the results :

THE FOXHILL PLATE—Distance 1 mile.

Mr. J. D. Banatwalla's BROTHER SCRIBE 8-2 K. Hassan 1
Mr. M. J. Rajpal's SAMMY BRASS 8-2 Mullsingh 2
Mr. S. G. Bhopatkar's GOLD GAINER 7-11 Z. K. Khan 3
Mr. Chandra Mohan's A LA GRANDE 9-2 N. Singh 4
Not run: Meadow, Sporting King and Manners.

Won by: 1 1/2 lengths, 3 lengths, S-hd.
Time: 1 minute 42 2/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 64. Places Rs. 36. Rs. 32 and Rs. 29.

THE BANDRA PLATE Division III—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr. A. B. Yehuda's NOBLE DUKE 8-12 B. Khalil 1
Mr. P. Ebrahim's FLOWER OF CALCUTTA 8-12 Poshny 2
Mr. R. T. Wandekar's KARAM AL RAHIM 8-12 H. Singh 3
M/s. Permanand and Depchand's ROBINHOOD 9-0 Bhoorsingh 4
Not run: Conqueror and Indian Money.

Won by: S-hd, S-hd, S-hd.
Time: 1 minute 25 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 76. Places Rs. 24. Rs. 31 and Rs. 27.

THE CALCUTTA PLATE—Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Mrs. H. Marginson's SCOTCH MIST 8-0 Stead 1
Maharaja of Baroda's SWEET DREAM 8-11 Britt 2
Mr. Osman Chotani's PRINCE HAMID 7-12 Raffaele 3
Mr. J. A. Grimshaw's PROMINENT 8-4 Sibbritt 4
Not run: Royal Blood, Star of Sirohi and Sammy Brass.

Won by: 2 1/2 lengths, 3 lengths, 5 lengths.
Time: 2 minutes 10 4/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 39. Places Rs. 20 and Rs. 19.

THE BANDRA PLATE Division II—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr. R. B. Murdoch's KHALAF JANET 9-0 Raffaele 1
Mr. J. D. Banatwalla's MOZAN 9-2 Britt 2
Mr. M. G. Raphael's AWADH FARHAN 9-0 Rook 3
Mr. R. J. Sigtia's SOLFERINO 8-12 Kheemsingh 4
Not run: Prince Falih.

Won by: 1 length, 2 lengths, 1 length.
Time: 1 minute 23 3/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 86. Places Rs. 29, Rs. 21 and Rs. 31.

THE MOOLTAN PLATE—Distance 1 1/2 miles.

Lt. Col. M. S. Irani's AIR ACE 8-9 Brace 1
Mrs. Justice's PRINCE DARA 7-7 Percival 2
Mr. Amin and Major Gandhy's PLEADER 8-6 Laloo 3
Mrs. A. L. Hutson's PASSING BELL 9-4 Sibbritt 4
Not run: Flashing Prince and Sardar Saheb.

Won by: S-hd, 1/2 length, 1 1/2 lengths.
Time: 2 minutes 46 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 85. Places Rs. 27, Rs. 46 and Rs. 28.

THE CHAMPAGNE STAKES—Distance 6 furlongs.

H. H. The Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda's KING'S JESTER 8-13 Britt 1
Maharaj Kumar of Morvi's HAPPY FATE 8-7 Burn 2
Lady Sherbanoo Chinoy's SNOWFALL 8-6 Raffaele 3
H. H. The Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior's JAIWANT 8-10 Roberts 4
Not run: Jungle Princess, Niraly and Bathurst.

Won by: Hd, Nk, 1 length
Time: 1 minute 16 3/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 23. Places Rs. 14, Rs. 35 and Rs. 22.

THE WILLINGDON PLATE—Distance 1 mile.

Maharaja of Parlakimedi's MAGIC MOUNT 8-0 Rook 1
Maharaja of Gwalior's GINGER BOY 9-9 Sibbritt 2
Maharaja of Baroda's PRINCESS BEAUTIFUL 8-9 Britt 3
Maharaja of Gwalior's CAERLOPTIC 9-4 Roberts 4
Not run: Gay Spaniard, Dancing Lily, Haut Ton and Monel.

Won by: 2 lengths, Nk, Nk.
Time: 1 minute 39 1/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 68. Places Rs. 16, Rs. 17 and Rs. 15.

THE BASSEIN PLATE—Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Maharaja of Gwalior's ASMAN TARA 8-2 Sibbritt 1
M/s. S. S. Chenoy and S. A. Poonawalla's SUBHI JAZIRA 9-0 Stead 2
Mr. R. B. Murdoch's KHISHF AL ILAH 7-11 Raffaele 3
Maharaja of Gwalior's BOONIAN 9-0 Roberts 4
Not run: Sukab Raghdad, Royal Rival, Guiding Star, Royal Oak, Prince Faisal, Star Brilliant, Tamim al Khair, Seventh Wonder, Prince Mahmud, Farasha and Dhiban.

Won by: 1 1/4 lengths, 3 1/4 lengths, 1 1/2 lengths.
Time: 2 minutes 22 2/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 30. Places Rs. 23, Rs. 33 and Rs. 31.

THE BANDRA PLATE Division I—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr. R. J. Sigtia's CHAUVE SOURIS 8-12 Evans 1
M/s. Baburao Patel and D. K. Parker's NEW JACK 9-0 Sibbritt 2
M/s. Tibrewalla and Modi's MALIK AL JIYAD 8-11 Raffaele 3
Maharaja of Gwalior's SUEZ 9-4 F. Mohd. 4
Not run: Jalal Shah, Hubb al Watan, Governor, Al Zajil and Halfaya.

Won by: S-hd, 1 1/2 lengths, 1 1/4 lengths.
Time: 1 minute 22 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 59. Places Rs. 16, Rs. 19 and Rs. 14.

THE BRIDGE PLATE—Distance 1 mile.

Mr. I. G. Gajjar's COBALT 7-7 Percival 1
Mr. F. A. Irani's COUGAR 7-11 Virsingh 2
Mr. A. S. Tyebjee's SUNDIAL 7-9 Stead 3
Mrs. Marbeth's WINLAD 8-9 Jones 4
Not run: Roopkumari, Sovoyard, Medallion, Wonderful, Sauce Anglaise and Menu Suffrage.

Tote paid: Win Rs. 282. Places Rs. 64, Rs. 38 and Rs. 23.

Request For Appointment of An Adjudicator

The workers, employed by M/s. Mackinnon MacKenzie & Co., the Agents of the B. I. S. N. Co., Ltd., in their "Watch & Ward" Department have been labouring under several grievances in respect of their service conditions. They and their Union, The Bombay Dock Workers' Union, have been trying for all these months to secure from the employers redressal of some of the important and acute grievances. Unfortunately, however, the Management not only is not prepared to do anything in matter, but also it has so far avoided to negotiate with the Union.

The Union, therefore, approached the Government of India, with a request to refer the questions of dispute to an adjudicator. The Government having sent the Union's application to the Chairman, Bombay Port Trust, for the preliminary enquiries, the representatives of the Bombay Dock Workers' Union, Comrades, G. H. Kale and Raghuvir N. Bodke, had an exploratory discussion with Mr. B. Mehta, the Labour Welfare Officer of the Bombay Port Trust.

In the course of discussion, the Union's representatives pointed out the attempts the Union had made for an amicable settlement and they also assured the Labour Welfare Officer that the Union has been ever ready for discussing the matters across the table with the employers and arrive at a settlement satisfactory to both the sides and in which case, they would not press their request for the adjudication of the Trade Dispute.

Yarjung On Hyderabad And "Atlantic Charter"

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 20.

"I wish to hear from Mr. Churchill and from cautious Amery that in the light of Atlantic Charter Hyderabad will have a future of its own—its own dominion status—the greatest freedoms of all freedoms as Mr. Amery defined it" thus observed Moulvi Bahadurkhan (late Nawab Banadur Yarjung) replying to an address presented to him by the various branches of Majlis Itehadul Muslamin on the occasion of the ban having been lifted on his speeches.

This is the first time that Moulvi Bahadur Khan spoke since the removal of the ban.—Orient Press.

SURAT, March 20 : Two Bhils were injured, it is reported from Mujwar village in Mandvi Taluka, when the proprietor of a toady shop was forced to open fire with his gun to disperse the gang.—United Press.

CORRECTION

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Corporation Standing Committee 2 p.m. (B. T.)

Domestic Occurrence

FUNERAL :—Dr. Behram S. Photographer, son-in-law of Late Gustadjee D. Poonawalla, husband of Goolbai and father of Zenobia, Phiroz Kerawalla, Aloo, and Deena, Noshir Mulla Feroze. Funeral at 9 a.m. to-day (Standard Time) at DUNGARWADI.

To-day's Engagements

TATA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK : Prof. C. N. Vakil will deliver an address on the "Economic Development Plan for India" in the "National Planning Series" today (Wednesday) at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House at 6-30 p.m. (N S T) when Prof. P. A. Wadia will preside.

SIR RATAN TATA WELFARE CENTRE : Lecture by Mr. M R. Masani, Mayor of Bombay under the auspices of Sir Ratan Tata Welfare Centre today (Wednesday) at the Sir Ratan Tata Pavilion C. J. Colony, Tardeo at 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S CONDOLENCE MEETING FOR KASTURBA

To mourn the death of Smt. Kasturba Gandhi, a women's public condolence meeting will beld under the auspices of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council and its affiliated Societies at the Blavatsky Lodge today (Wednesday) at 5 p.m.

SIR HOMI MEHTA TO BROADCAST: Sir Homi Mehta, Chairman of the Red Cross Week will broadcast a review of the "Red Cross Week" from the All-India Radio, Bombay at 8-20 p.m. today (Wednesday).

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS : Question and Answer Meeting. Jehangir Wadia Building Flora Fountain today (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m.

ANDHRA ASSOCIATION AND LIBRARY, KALYAN : Under the auspices of the above Association there will be a meeting in the Association premises to observe today (Wednesday) as the first death anniversary of Late Sri S. Satyamurthi.

Immediately after the meeting is over the meeting will pass the condolence resolution for the sad demise of Hon'ble V. Ramadas Pantulu who presided over the 1st Bombay Prov. Andhra Association Conference which was held at Kalyan.

DAVID SASSOON LIBRARY AND READING ROOM : The Ninety-seventh annual general meeting of the members will be held in the hall of the Library today (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m.

PRARTHANA SAMAJ ANNIVERSARY : To-day (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m. Saints' Day, lecture in Marathi by Mr. A. K. Priyolkar on the Mahatmaji of the thirteenth century.

VIKRAM SAMITI : Under the auspices of Vikram Samiti (Marwadi Sammelan) Vikram Bi-Millenium celebration will be celebrated on 25th, 26th and 27th March, 1944 at Madhav Baug. On 25th March, there will be a Conference of scholars at 4 p.m. (N S T.) Admission is free to all. On 26th and 27th March, an All-India Hindi Poets' Conference will be held which will commence at 3 p.m. (N. S. T.) and 9 p.m. (N. S. T.) respectively. The entrance fee to Poets' Conference is Re. 1/- Reception Committee membership fee is Rs. 10/-. Tickets can be had from the office of Marwadi Sammelan from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. or at the Madhav Baug, C. P. Tank from 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon.

MARWADI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LTD: As the Marwadi Sammelan in celebrating "Vikram Jayanti" on 25th, 26th and 27th March at Madhav Baug the Board of the Marwadi Chamber of Commerce will observe Saturday the 25th March as a holiday. The office of the Chamber as well as the offices of all the members concerned will remain closed on that day.

KONKAN EDUCATION SOCIETY—The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the Revdanda High School building conducted by the Konkan Education Society will be performed at the hands of the Nawab Saheb of Janjira on Saturday, March 25, at 5-30 p.m.

SWADESHI EXHIBITION OF ARTICLES

AN Exhibition of Swadeshi Articles and Cottage Industries will be held in April at the time of the Annual Session of the All-India Women's Conference. Those desiring to take part in the exhibition may see Mrs. V. Dhar, Convener, Exhibition Committee at the Vanita Vishram English School, Khetwadi Main Road, Bombay.

CULTURAL CONFERENCE : The youth parliament and Samaj Samta Sangh have decided to hold a Cultural Conference on the 14th, 15th and 16th April 1944, at the Blavatsky Lodge. The following have been elected office-bearers :—

Chairman : Mr. Adam Adil; Vice-Chairman : Mr. Anaji Rao; Treasurers : Mr. Bejan Anklesaria and Mr. H. E Merchant; Jt. Secretaries : Miss Manorama Kathju and Mr. Hanif Shakoor; Gen. Secretary : Mr. R. D. Aurangabadkar.

For particulars apply to Gen. Secretary, Cultural Conference, Youth Parliament, Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chowpatty, Bombay.

ALLEGED STRANGLING TO DEATH

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A young married woman named Mariambi Alimohamed was found strangled to death in her room at Parel, this morning in the early hours.

The woman who was living with her husband and a five months' old child in an old building at Dhonpara Musjid, near Paul Chawl Road, is suspected to have been killed by a gang of thieves, the motive for the murder being robbery.

Jamshedi Navroz

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Jamshedi Navroz, regarded as the New Year day by a section of the Parsees, Fasila was celebrated, today by all Parsees as a festival day. To-day being a public holiday banks and many commercial firms were closed.

Irani shops throughout the city put down their shutters. Special prayers were offered in fire temple.

Iranian Consul Meets Cultural Mission

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Consul for Iran visited the Iranian Cultural Mission this morning at the Government House and exchanged Navroz greetings with them.

The members of the Mission lunched with the Consul at his place this afternoon.

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Receipts will be given for the cards. These should be carefully preserved and on return to Bombay they should be produced at the Ward Rationing Office to get back the ration cards.

People going out of Bombay for two months or more will have to surrender their cards and when they return to the city, they will be given new cards on application.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 21.

The following is the weather-chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 17th March 1944.

Allahabad	0 0 0 ;	BOMBAY	86 71 0;
Calcutta	93 71 0;	Cawnpore	85 60 0;
Cuttack	93 66 0;	Darjeeling	59 42 0;
Delhi	83 57 0;	Dehra Dun	77 52 0;
Jacobabad	0 61 0;	Karachi	90 71 0;
Lahore	87 55 0;	Lucknow	88 61 0;
Madras	88 76 0;	Nagpur	89 66 0;
Patna	86 63 0;	Peshawar	83 55 0;
Shillong	73 53 0;	Simla	53 40 T.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

—George Washington.

The Bombay Chronicle

BRITISH PLEDGES

British pledges to India have often been found to be equivocal, though we shall charitably assume they were not meant to be so. Even when a pledge or statement is quite clear to most persons, some Britishers themselves, interpret it to mean something different from which its words convey. Thus the "Times" of London, referring to Mr. Churchill's point-blank exclusion of India from the operation of the Atlantic Charter, says: "What disturbed public opinion in the utterance of the Prime Minister about India shortly after the promulgation of the Charter was not what he probably intended to say—namely, that the Charter could not be taken to require immediate departure of the British from India but what he appeared at first sight to say—namely, that the Charter had no application to India at all." So there are at least three categories here: (1) What he actually said, (2) What he "appeared at first sight to say", and (3) What he 'probably intended to say." Most, if not all, people then understood Mr. Churchill to say definitely and unequivocally that the Charter as such had no application at all to India. But the "Times" now says that this interpretation may appear to be right only at first sight but that Mr. Churchill "probably" intended to mean something different from what his words conveyed, that the Charter does apply to India but not in the sense of "the immediate departure of the British from India." If Mr. Churchill ever meant this he never said a word to warrant such interpretation. On the contrary he said that he did not become Prime Minister to preside over the dissolution of the Empire and that Britain would hold her own. When thousands charged him with being a rank imperialist he never made an attempt to repudiate the charge.

Apparently to justify its own interpretation of Mr. Churchill's opinion about applying the Charter to India, the "Times" says: "To abandon altogether the principles of self-determination enshrined in the Charter would be an act of cynicism which would bring its own penalties; to assert them at the expense of the demands of planned military security and economic organisation would be still more disastrous—and most of all to those on whose behalf they were invoked". The first conclusion will be acceptable even to Mr. Churchill. He has never said about India that he has completely abandoned all the principles of self-determination for all time. He is much too astute for that. He has joined his predecessors in stating that some day when Britain finds it convenient, some sort of self-determination will be conceded to India, subject, of course, to reservations some of which have been stated, some others hinted at, and some others still kept in reserve. Many of these features you find in the original Cripps offer and all in the broad outlines of the scheme which are said to remain open. The "Times" itself has suggested what it considers inevitable reservation about military and economic needs of Britain.

However, every evil can teach some good lesson if one has the capacity to learn it and apply it. The equivocal character of British pledges to India, the difference between what is said, what is seen at first sight and what is probably meant should teach Indians not to rely too much on mere words but to rely more on immediate earnest of promises for the future and most on our own capacity to make our own demands irresistible. That is the Congress way. The Congress refused to accept the Cripps promise for the future as there was no immediate earnest to establish the *bona fides* of the promise. Nor will Congress accept whatever part of the scheme may remain open unless the immediate constitutional changes are satisfactory.

A Great Co-operator

Hitherto, the co-operative movement in India has not attracted many leaders of the front rank in public life, but among the few who espoused the cause, the Hon. Mr. V. Ramdas Pantulu who passed away last week occupied a prominent place. During the twenty years, for which period he was actively associated with the co-operative movement, he rose to an eminence which was attained by few co-operators of his generation. His name had become a household word with co-operators in India and he was one of the very few whose fame had spread to foreign countries. It was not only in the circumscribed circle of co-operative workers that the late Mr. Pantulu's influence was confined. As a redoubtable champion of the cause of co-operation he fought many brave battles, on most occasions singlehanded—in the Central Legislature and on mixed committees, commissions and boards of which he happened to be a member. The impress of his vigorous personality is evident even in the Majority Report of the Indian Central Banking Inquiry Committee.

It is principally to his deep study of co-operation, in its principles and practice, and his wholehearted identification with its ideology that Mr. Pantulu owed his hold over his co-workers all over India and the power for good that he exercised on their behalf among those in authority whether in the field of legislation or administration. He had hardly a peer as a student of co-operative theory and practice; and he was as voluminous a writer as he was a voracious reader. His frequent visits to various Provinces and Indian States to preside over conferences to assist in the deliberations of committees of inquiry or to advise local Governments and States brought him into close touch, both with men and affairs, opportunities that he utilized fully for the promotion of the cause of co-operation. His trip to England and the continent of Europe as a delegate to the International Co-operative Alliance enabled Mr. Pantulu to have India placed on the co-operative map of the world. It was no wonder that, with his vast study, his numerous contacts and his brilliant intellect, Mr. Pantulu made himself almost an indispensable friend and counsellor to his co-operative colleagues not only in his Province of Madras but also all over India. It will be difficult, indeed, to replace him as the head of the all India association of co-operative banks and institutes.

It is rarely that the co-operative movement has claimed in India the services of workers who rank high in the nation's public life. Mr. Ramdas Pantulu was as distinguished a national worker as a co-operator and throughout his life he was closely associated with India's fight for political freedom. He was one of those who felt, however, that when Swaraj came it should connote also the economic freedom of the toiling millions of our fellow-citizens, a freedom which, he believed, could be better ensured through the co-operative movement than by any other means. The cause for which Mr. Pantulu worked and which he upheld, in his days, in face often of ridicule and opposition, seems now at last to appeal both to those in authority and to the intelligentsia. It is a misfortune for the co-operative movement that it should at this stage have been deprived of its distinguished leader when it may have the opportunity—that may not recur for long hereafter—to be accepted as the basis for the economic organization of the small man in agriculture and in industry.

Throw It Out

If the debate in the Central Assembly on the Finance Bill has not been confined to the Bill, it is nothing unusual or unconstitutional. This debate is the only occasion when the people's representatives can ventilate their general grievances, on the well-known constitutional principle of "grievances before supplies." Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar rightly emphasised the regime of repression as the main grievance and as the main cause of much of the violence in the country. Other grievances, too, have been and will be set forth in the course of the debate this week. And it seems that supplies will not be voted unless due redress of the grievances is assured. The depth of the resentment in the country as a result of repression and unconstitutional administration may be gauged from the fact, among others, that a dispassionate critic like Mr. C. Rajagopalachari urged Assembly members to throw out the Finance Bill and demand fresh elections to the Central Legislature. The suggestion is thoroughly sound, though perhaps superfluous. As we have said before on constitutional as well as economic grounds the Bill deserves to be thrown out.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Hitler's Last Victim!

While little sympathy will be wasted upon Admiral Horthy and the Hungarian Government for the plight in which they find themselves to-day, the reported occupation of Hungary by German troops affords one more grim evidence of the familiar boa-constrictor technique of the Nazis. The German forces are said to have marched in while the Regent was on a visit to the Fuehrer to discuss the question of Hungary's more active participation in the war. There has been considerable heart-burning about this issue as much in Berlin as among the fellow-satellites of Hungary. The latter accused Hungary of getting the maximum advantage of the new order with the minimum of sacrifice. The headlong advance of the Red Army seems to have precipitated the present extreme measure on the part of Hitler, who has presumably taken his ally and guest in protective custody. With a fine irony, Berlin has announced that the occupation of Hungary was made to reinforce the Three-Power Pact, of which Hungary was one of the earliest signatories! The simple truth is that now that the fortress of Europe has begun to crash around their ears, the Nazis cannot trust anybody and they have swiftly begun to swallow their friends as at the beginning they liquidated their foes. The only consolation is that these first dupes will prove the last victims of Hitler. When gangsters begin to fight among themselves, the day of reckoning cannot be far.

Execution Of Pucheu

No grimmer proof of the determination of General de Gaulle and the French Committee of National Liberation to punish traitors and collaborationists and to root out Fascism from the soil of France can be provided than by the execution of M. Pierre Pucheu, the former Vichy Minister of the Interior. M. Pucheu had not the notoriety of a Laval or a Darlan but he seems to have been among those Frenchmen who cordially co-operated with their Nazi conquerors in the establishment of the New Order in France. It is significant to note in this connection that a sentence of death by the underground Council of Resistance in France was already hanging over his head for the arrest of numerous French patriots. His emergence in North Africa has been something of a mystery but the claim that he went over in agreement with General Giraud seems to have been unsubstantiated in view of the clear verdict of the military tribunal. This execution, apart from meting out justice to a proved traitor, will serve as a timely warning to the Vichy collaborationists that retribution for their crimes against their country will not be long in coming.

His Master's Voice

Sir R. S. Sarma, a member of the Indian Delegation to America who returned on Monday, was a Government nominee, spoke as such in America—eschewing politics in one sense and discussing it in another—and has now spoken as a Government nominee. His insight, for which Government chose him, has revealed to him that America is much interested in India. This is so true that even a schoolboy will agree with him on this discovery. When he speaks of the American's amazing ignorance of India he perhaps refers to the position before he made his lecture tour there. For at the end of it he found that "the general opinion" was sufficiently enlightened to suggest to him that "India had made a mistake in rejecting the Cripps offer." It may be that the interviewers chosen for him did not practise a joke on him. But things will change. And if he should go again to America, say, on behalf of free India or even as a citizen of free India, he may see a different state of things in America. Freedom transforms persons and also other men's attitude towards them.

Government Aid To Colaba Kolis

I have received a letter from the Director of Industries informing me that the Government of Bombay have been pleased to sanction free grant to the maximum of Rs. 59,347 and an equivalent amount as a loan free of interest repayable within ten years to the fishermen of lower Colaba who have suffered damage on account of the fire which recently broke out there. However, Government will fix the amount of free grant after taking into account any amounts made available by private charity. They have also asked me to inform them the amount collected by the Committee of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha and to stop further collections. Consequently no further collections will be made now.

I thank the Government for their generous help to the firshermen concerned and I also thank the donors who contributed to the fund raised by the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha.

S. K. BOLE.

WITH I.F.A. SQUADRON ON BURMA FRONT

British Personnel Work Under Indian Leader's Command

(By D. F. KARAKA, "Chronicle" War Correspondent)

ARAKAN, March 21.

I have been staying recently with one of the Vengeance dive-bomber squadrons of the Indian Air Force somewhere in the forward areas of Arakan front. Its commanding officer is an Indian squadron-leader—one of the regulars who joined the I.A.F. in its early youth. Under his command are both Indian and British personnel though it is predominantly an Indian squadron.

COMPLEMENT FROM HIGH COMMAND

So impressive has been the work of this squadron and its leader that it has recently been singled out for mention by name and the High Command has paid it a gracious complement for its recent operations in Burma. Time and again, I heard it said on that Burma Front how grateful the Army was and how unstinting it was in its praise of the boys who daily went over to dive-bomb enemy features in all parts of the country, thus giving the land forces that much needed support from the air.

MEETING INDIAN SQUADRON LEADER

I arrived at the Squadron a little after midday and was shown to the orderly room. The adjutant then took me to the C. O. that is, Commanding Officer. It was a pleasant meeting, a real fighting Indian Squadron leader wearing wings on his breast. There was a strange feeling of comradeship at first sight and one felt elated at the realization that in this lone part of the Burma front, our young men had come into their own playing a great part in the affairs of the world.

After preliminaries of security had been gone through and my identity card checked, he told me of the working of the squadron. "Tomorrow is the operations day and you will be able to see things for yourself", he said. "Does that mean, I can stay?" I asked "You can stay with us as long as you like", he replied, Nearing one o'clock, we jeeped over to the officers' mess where the boys were sipping lime and water. They stood up as their leader appeared uttering a smart "Good morning, Sir", after which we went in to lunch, which was a blending of oriental and English fare—the bully beef masked into 'kabobs' nestling with the curry and rice.

I noticed that the English boys had already been "acclimatized". They were R.A.F. boys from Britain, a somewhat shy crowd earnest, intent and polite with a wistful look in their eyes at being so far away from home and wondering when the day would come for them to fly on a different course than that which they had flown these many months in Burma.

The Indian boys were more at home and inclined to revive a college common room atmosphere. They had the advantage of being and feeling more at home.

After lunch I went with some of the boys to a nearby watering place where, I endeavoured to make up for eight bathless days.

SECOND DAY WITH AIR SQUADRON

Early next morning, a little "chico" which is how 'chokra' (boy) in that part of the world is called brought a bucketful of water to wash and shave. A mug of sweet tea and a couple of fried eggs and in a three-ton truck, we were taken to the operation room or in the phraseology of the Air Force, "The Ops. Room". The intelligence Officer and the Sergeant on duty were there before us. On the airstrip, the 'vengeances' stood at attention, in double line, waiting to begin their day's damaging work. Soon the signal came and the target was indicated to the flight entrusted with its demolition. The boys donned their flying suits and crash helmets and were on their way to the waiting planes. "Contact" they yelled one by one from the cockpit and the giant engines roared. Not many moments later they had taken off and were flying like big kites in the blue Burma sky. From the ground, we looked up and saw the leader take his place and the formation group around him.

The flight encircled the airstrip once and on they went towards the target for the day. Not many minutes elapsed when another signal came and the next flight took off, while a third stood by ready for their turn to come. Then came the anxious hour when one sat in the "basha" which was the "Ops Room" and whiled away the time looking at the maps on which was plotted the battle of Burma—the red denoting Allied line, the blue being the enemy.

Every few minutes we heard the drone of other planes till at last the familiar noise of the 'Vengeance' squad was heard again and we rushed out to see the boys return. Flying in formation towards us, was the first flight returning safely home. In the air they peeled off for landing, leaving the formation at intervals of thirty seconds. They came round and landed gracefully each plane waiting at the far end of the airstrip for all to land. Then like mighty birds that had come to land they taxied back.

INTERROGATION

Back in the "Ops Room" Intelligence and Army Liaison Officers were ready for the boys. One by one, each crew was interrogated. "Did you unload? Did you hit the target? Did you see anything?" Each crew of pilot and navigator gave his account of the Sortie and the Ground officers made careful notes. Meanwhile, outside the "Basha" there was a little excitement.

The second flight had returned but one was missing. There was a still silence in the "Ops Room". Outside it, silent faces watched the sky. "Are these ours?" A voice ventured "Yes" another said with an air of finality. Then a pause. Eyes wandered over the sky and a smile broke on those fallen faces as they saw a lonely 'Vengeance' following far behind the formation but flying nevertheless.

MIXED CREW IN FLIGHT

In these flights, the crews are mixed. British and Indian boys stand together following their leader whether or not he is of their kind. The awkward shyness of the mess is not to be seen in the 'Ops Room". Here they were a team and only as a team can a squadron live. All through the day they waited in the "Ops Room" waiting for signals that took them to targets all over the place. The hours they waited they spent playing rummy or sipping tea.

Their meals on operation days are light and there is no flinching from the path of duty. When their day's work is done, they return to their quarters to wash and change and dine and retire for the night.

FASCINATING

There is something fascinating about a squadron at the front. Here men who are socially and individually so different find a common denominator which is the basis of their living. Names and persons do not matter, much less do communities.

Pentangular Committee, please note.

The sky is the one common ground on which they meet. The sky has been for some a thrilling adventure, for others a grave. In it they live or die. In it they meet perhaps never to meet again.

It is even more fascinating when one bears in mind that somewhere at a given hour a flight of 'Vengeance' has a rendezvous with a handful of 'Hurricanes' or 'Spitfire', who are sent to escort the 'Vengeances'. At the appointed time and place they meet. They only know each other's call signs. That is all. Together they go to the target. Together they hope to return. Sometimes they do and sometimes they leave someone behind. That is the toll of war. But as they break up again and disperse towards their respective bases they signal to each other. "Good work 'vengeance'". The 'spits' reply. That is the language of this war.

"Caste Must Go"

Anyone who reads my original letter on this subject and observes its detached temper and cold colourless phrasing, must feel puzzled about the frenzied and illogical fury of Mr. K. M. Munshi's onslaught (in very deplorable English) on "one Mr. J. E. Sanjana"—whom, by the way, one Mr. K. M. Munshi had to court assiduously twenty years ago for a paper to be read at the Gujarati Literary Conference held at Bombay, and whom the same Mr. Munshi had to court as assiduously again about half a dozen years ago in behalf of a friend and protege of his own. "Should auld acquaintance be forgot?" And that in so unseemly a manner? Well, well! Such is the corroding influence of active politics, and such the intoxication of a little power—'amalno amal' as they say in Kathiawad,—especially when politics and power are tasted by little minds. "You cannot touch pitch and remain undefiled". Mr. Munshi never has believed in idealism; this 'main chance' has been his one ideal in life. No wonder then that he can indulge in such bad manners, bad logic and bad English in his deplorable outburst. But I shall not imitate him; though I can assure him that if it comes to a slanging match, I am not a novice at the game,—as a Parsi poet and several others know to their cost. "Ham bhi munh men zaban rakhte hain"—I, too, have a fair command of Billingsgate, which, moreover, I can certainly use more artistically than crude botchers like Mr. Munshi can.

The poet above referred to brought forward in a purely literary controversy those same writings of mine in the "Times of India" which both K. and Mr. Munshi now bring forward as an argument against me when the subject of the discussion is 'caste and untouchability'! So I must once for all dispose of these writings which seem to serve as the final unfailing—'Rama-ban'—argument of my opponents, in any controversy on any topic. Thus do little minds—like great—think alike!

What K. says in his paragraph of personal amenities is, like his knowledge of Buddhism and Hinduism, very mixed up and based on wrong information. I never wrote in the 'Times of India' as 'Historicus'; that writer, so far as I know, was a professor of history who wrote very serious articles; I wrote several articles as 'Hystericus', poking fun at the 'history' of 'Historicus', of the then Vice-Chancellor, Sir C. Setalvad, of Mr. Jayakar and others. Those articles were not, as K. avers, 'quotations of communal leaders'; they dealt with history, caste, untouchability, etc. The 'quotations of communal leaders',—and also from numerous other nationalist leaders and papers,—appeared in the 'Through Indian Eyes' column. That column again did not disappear, as K. imagines, because 'some short-sighted M.L.C.' brought about its cessation;—just as I had received no 'behest' (as Mr. Munshi avers) from Government to write that column, I never received any—not even a direct or indirect hint—that I should stop writing it. I stopped writing it because I and my editor decided to stop it, especially as under the management of the 'Damaging Editor' our main assailant had disappeared. It will be strange news to K. and Mr. Munshi that the first man to congratulate me upon the result of the debate on this column in the local Council was the late Lakshmidas Tairsee who especially had himself introduced to me for the purpose. It will be surprising news to K. and Mr. Munshi that Dr. Ambedker has twice borrowed the file of all my writings in the 'Times of India' and carefully gone through them and quoted the "Through Indian Eyes" column as an authority several times in his book on 'Pakistan'. He has also urged me more than once to republish all my articles in book form. Finally, K. and Mr. Munshi will be stunned to learn that after a very long and close study of that same file obtained through my friend Captain Rustam Dadachanji, Mr. Devadas Gandhi offered me a few years ago the editorship of the "Hindustan Times" He was at me for nearly two hours (in 1920 his father had sized me up in two minutes when Mahadev was keen on my taking up 'Young India' and 'Navajivan') and I had to argue a lot before I could convince him that I could not change caps so easily as can some political mountebanks and cheapjacks who today follow a Mahatma and tomorrow fawn like poodles upon a Sir Maurice. I was not, and I am not, ashamed of anything I have written, ever since the writing that seized me just over forty years ago. I am rather proud of everything I have written,—not only because of its definite superiority in the matter of clear thinking and clear writing to anything which masters of muddled thinking and shoddy or slushy writing like Messrs. K. Munshi and Co., have written or are ever likely to write,—but also because of its absolute sincerity and conscientious regard for objective truth,—virtues which slim and slimy politicians are constitutionally incapable of appreciating or even understanding. And I have not written one single sentence at the dictate of anyone save my own sweet will; or to please anyone save my ownself. So much for my antecedents. But may I ask Mr. Munshi what they have to do with the problem of untouchability or the one he has mixed up with it, the historicity of Vikrama? Would it be fair, and (what is more to the point) would it be relevant to the problem at issue, if I were to bring into this discussion his scarcely decent political summersaults, his positively indecent literary exhibitionism his relations with his literary devils whose brains and even theses he has openly been accused of picking from, or his interesting adventures in filmland? I hope he will not indulge again in such despicable pettifogger tactics and street arab manners.

Having been used for full forty years to this last argument of uncultured minds, indulgence in vulgarity (what is worse) irrelevant personalities, I am indifferent to the abuse of such vulgarians. But I am really distressed to see the unfortunate English language so cruelly manhandled: "na badhate tatha dando yatha badhati badhate" the 'dande' of Munshi's bad language does not hurt so much as his criminal misuse of the poor English language. There are at least twenty outrages on the language in his letter Why does he use words and idioms he does not know well? Not only must he misspell the ugly Americanism 'ballyhoo' he must also make it do duty for 'tally ho!' In his great Cawnpore harangue, he similarly 'overreaches' himself in using the word 'overreaching': "It is a faith of political power strong and overreaching" Mr. Munshi accuses me of 'arrogant omniscience'. As I have often said before, I know my limitations very well; and I have never claimed to know more than I do. Hence I admit I have not made such brilliant discoveries as Mr. Munshi has. To mention only a few he has discovered that 'L'Esprit des Lois' was written, not as is generally supposed, by Montesquieu, but by Montaigne; that the correct name of the history of Mahmod of Ghazni's reign was not 'Tarikh-i-Yamini but 'Tarikhi (with long I, meaning 'historical') 'Jamina' (both A's long; that the great Ghaznavide's name was not Mahmood, it was Mahmad; and so forth and so on, almost 'ad infinitum'. For one could easily fill pages with such choice gems of scholarship from Mr. Munshi's masterpieces of bad information bad grammar, bad spelling and bad taste. And surely it does not require 'omniscience' to detect and enjoy such delicious howlers?

Even taking Mr. Munshi's cheap political clap-trap at its face value, does he really believe that the behaviour of the Whites in South Africa or in India, or Hitler's Aryanism, can justify his own ridiculous 'Aryanism,' or the caste system and its inevitable fruit the untouchable 'out-caste'? And do all these satanic whites treat large sections of "Their Own Nationals" as being definitely and doctrinally viler than dogs and swine as our holy Rishis have decreed? Mr. Munshi again asks the rhetorical question: "Where would India and its culture have been when Central Asian hordes or the West descended upon her, without the caste system?" Has he ever asked himself the other, more pertinent question: "Why did India (with her culture with a big C) invariably go under whenever such Central Asian hordes descended upon her?" Was it not because of the same caste system which has prevented India from becoming a nation? For here again that homely dictum applies with deadly effect: "We cannot eat our cake and keep it too."

But what is really pertinent to the problem of caste is the patent fact that can be easily gathered from Mr. Munshi's howl about my imaginary 'hunt',—and that is his shameless communalism and caste consciousness. His brain is so obsessed with this vicious kink that he is shocked to see me, a Parsi, suggesting that the untouchables should embrace Christianity he could have understood it if I had suggested that they should turn Zoroastrians. Then he goes on to rant about Vikrama,—as he was ranting more than ten years ago about Samudragupta with his 'frookcoat', his 'kushan tope' and his trousers. That was before he discovered the virtues—and perquisites—of the Khadi cap, dhoti and sandals. Then again he rants about the beauties of caste. The only thing I can gather from this rambling and confused effusion is that caste must remain what it is and that Vikrama, whether he really existed or not, is a "national" hero who is going to help us to 'overreach' ourselves. I am glad he has given up Yajnavalkya along with Samudragupta; because ten years ago he had hysterically howled for reviving the Smriti punishment of death for those who abduct 'Aryan' women,—'pratilomye vadhah Smritah' was his favourite text then. This 'nationalise' ex-Congressman did not specify then who these persons worthy of death were, but he left no room for doubt as to their identity when he raved about 'Aryan' women being abducted from railway stations, and so forth and so on; and it is not necessary to cross the t's and dot the i's in his highly 'nationalistic' suggestion in order to identify the victims of his 'Aryan' and Hitlerian wrath. And such are the men who in this unfortunate land can pose, and are accepted, as 'leaders'! "Huve tum dost jiske dushman uska asman kyun ho?" No wonder the presence of a 'third party' becomes absolutely necessary for the peace of the country. I have, after much thought, suggested that this 'third party' should be of the soil, rooted in the soil, and friendly to both the warring majorities,—I mean the 'third party' consisting of six crores of untouchables and two and a half crores of aborigines. The only other alternative is a foreign 'third party' whom communalists like Mr. K. M. Munshi are evidently determined to keep in the saddle for at least one hundred and fifty years more.

J. E. SANJANA

Bombay, March 11.

II

ERRATA in last letter:—

Last column—For half-baked.....Sociologists'
Read 'half-baked.....
Sciolists'.
For 'renouncing away from the world'
Read 'renouncing and running away.....

J. E. SANJANA

Sind's Prosperity

While presenting the Budget estimates, Sir Ghulam H. Hidayatulla, the Chief Minister of Sind, is reported to have been carried away in ecstasy in announcing the other day in the Legislative Assembly "a windfall of Rs. 2 1/2 crores (of profit) from Sind's trade-in-grain policy", followed at a time when millions starved in Bengal.

It is to be deplored that he failed to acknowledge, so did every member of his Ministry to acknowledge, Sind's deep debt of gratitude (which has not yet been redeemed even by an iota for the immense contribution made directly and/or through Central Government by the very provinces including Bombay, etc., towards the gigantic construction of the world-famed Lloyd Barrage and Sukkur Barrage now overflowing with immeasurable tons of wheat and wealth.

Is it not therefore unbehoving of Chief Minister to pat his own back on his Ministry's "trade-in-grain transactions that yielded Sind "unparalleled prosperity" built up, no doubt.

BURJOR J. SHROFF.

APPRECIATION OF INDIAN JOURNALISTS

Sir Srinivas Sarma Demands Good Economic Conditions For Them

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, March 21.

"It is a matter of satisfaction to me that the A.I.N.E.C. under Mr. Brelvi's presidentship has appointed a committee to inquire into the condition of working journalists," observed Sir Srinivas Sarma, who arrived at Karachi after a three months' tour of the United States.

"It is a firm conviction born of actual and immediate observation that our Indian boys are in no way inferior to their contemporaries in Europe and America in the matter of leader writing, sub-editing and other branches of expert journalism.

The present high standard of Indian journalism, which is a marvel in foreign countries is entirely the creation of the grossly underpaid and often badly exploited Indian Journalist. In England, the junior most sub-editor gets nine guineas per week. Wages in America are still higher. It is in the fitness of things that machinery should be set up to ensure a respectable living wage to the Indian Journalist, consistent with the dignity and responsibility of the Fourth Estate.

Concluding Sir S. Sarma deplored the tendency on the part of the working journalist in India to attach more importance to political opinions than to their own economic standard. He must by all means not be oblivious to political interests of India but the journalist must safeguard his own interests in life, if only to qualify himself to be an even better fighter for his country's cause.

He fervently hoped that the Central Legislature would give effect to the recommendations of the Cowley Committee by promoting a Bill. He would, however, request proprietor friends not to wait for the Cowley report but proceed ahead because on contented labour was dependent their own prosperity and the prosperity of the Indian newspaper industry.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

LONDON, March 20: The Marquis of Linlithgow with the King's approval has been appointed Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, it is announced from No. 10 Downing Street.

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Mules have been sent by air to the Burma front.

To provide an example of stubbornness to the men?

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The Americans, it was revealed in the Assembly, have established a town in India called "New Washington."

There is no truth in the rumour, however, that from this town a New Roosevelt will give India a New "New Deal"!

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But the idea is worthy of considerable extension.

Soon we ought to hear of "New Chicago," "New Harlem", "New Broadway," "New Coney Island," "New Hollywood," "New Reno"—and "New Sing Sing"!

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General Smuts wants "to avoid the mistake of the last war and give even to the vanquished the right of existence."

Indians in South Africa should immediately admit their defeat!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) Sir R. S. Sarma has returned from Hollywood after completing an all-talking film called "His Master's Voice."

(2) Interviewed by our most unreliable reporter, Sir R. S. Sarma refused to comment on relative merits of blondes and brunettes on the Sunset Boulevard.

(3) Sir R. S. Sarma, has declined to accept any speaking engagements in India for three months as he is suffering from a sore-throat caused by shouting aloud the praises of the British Raj before American audiences.

(4) Sir R. S. Sarma is proceeding to New Delhi to interview the Viceroy and to receive "Shabqsh" in person.

(5) He may also meet Sir Sultan Ahmad and the latter may reward him for his good work by offering him an appointment on a high salary to carry on "political warfare" of the radio.

(6) In that case, Messrs. Ghiasuddin and Bhole will cut short their respective tours and rush back to New Delhi by the first available aeroplane.

Six Destitutes Die

CALCUTTA, March 21.

Six sick destitutes died in two hospitals in Calcutta yesterday.—A.P.

ELAYA RAJA OF COCHIN DEAD

ERNAKULAM, March 21.—H.H. the Elaya Raja of Cochin passed away at Trichur last evening. His Highness was 78 years old and was ailing for a long time. He leaves behind two sons and two daughters.—A.P.

COLOMBO, March 21.—A Doctorate in Tripitaka, Honoris Causa, (Tripitaka Acharya) was conferred by the Vicycalankara Pirivena (Budhist Seminary) Kelaniya, to-day on Prof. B. M. Barua, Pali Professor of the Calcutta University, who is here at the invitation of the Dona Alpina Ratnayake trust to deliver the Trust lecture.—A P

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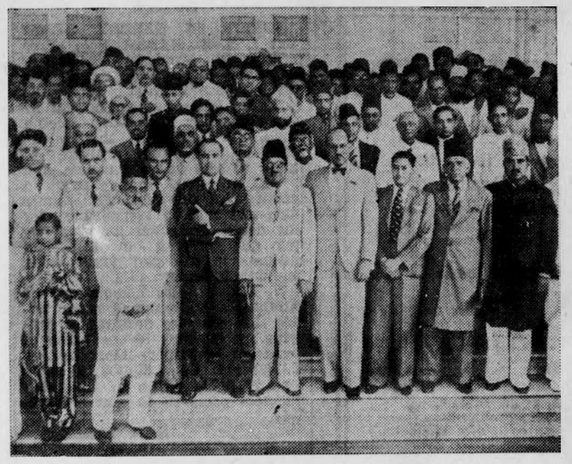
ID-E-MILAD DAY CELEBRATIONS



Among the many notable persons present at the Id-e-Milad day gathering at the C. J. Hall were the Consul-Generals for Turkey, Iran, Iraq, the Consul for Afghanistan, the Diwan of Junagadh, the Collector of Bombay etc.

SELLING INDIA BIT BY BIT TO AMERICA

(Continued From Page 1)

and third of these matters, said Mr. Mehta, meant that the members believed that so much money was not required. The consequence should have been that the corresponding amount of taxation was not needed and the least that a Government, particularly an irremovable Government, could do was to show some decent deference to the conventions, proprieties and legalities of constitutionalism and democracy and accept the vote of the House until at least the position was restored by the Governor-General. On the contrary here was this Government proceeding as if the vote of House was of no moment and could be ignored.

The Finance Member intervened and was heard to explain that Government had acted in accordance with past practice in this matter.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta said his recollection was that Government had not acted in this way, when he was a member of the House between 1924 and 1930 and in any case even if they had acted like that before, there was no need to persist in it; there was no wisdom in continuing in error.

MAXWELL COMPLIMENTED

Mr. Mehta referred to new dearness allowance rates and after pleading the cause of pensioners who drew less than rupees hundred a month, Mr. Mehta referred to the Home Member and in a tribute to him said if there were men who were intellectually honest in this country, Sir Reginald Maxwell was at the top of them (cheers) and Mr. Mehta wished him happiness in his retirement.

Mr. Mehta asked the Industries Member to look into the complaints of some newspapermen who waited for months to get quotas of newsprint while others more fortunately situated got their supplies for the mere asking.

Mr. Mehta referred to three ways open to Government to get money, namely taxation, borrowing and inflation, and said that to these had been added a fourth, namely, osculation (laughter) as demonstrated by the old Sikh gentleman and his son who paid Rs. 2,500 for a kiss by an American girl in a Delhi tennis match.

He had not concluded when the House adjourned till to-morrow.—A.P.

CONTROL OF ENTRY INTO QUETTA

NEW DELHI, March 21.

The Foreign Secretary said in reply to a question in the name of Mr. Kazmi that entry into the city of Quetta was prohibited without special permits from 27th March, 1943, under the Quetta (Control of Ingress) Order, 1943. Permanent residents, however, could obtain a certificate of identity, exempting them from obtaining any entry permit. Moreover migratory tribesmen, whether Baluch, Brahui or Pathan, were exempted from the operation of the order. The supply position was still difficult the Foreign Secretary said, and it was not proposed to relax those restrictions at present.

It was Government's intention to provide 350,000 tons of ammonium sulphate or a equivalent quantity of nitrogenous fertilisers per annum as early as is practicable, said Sir A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar, Supply Member, in the Assembly to-day, in reply to a question by Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari.

Sardar Mangal Singh asked whether Government had received any representation from Begum Syed Habib of Lahore regarding her husband's illness and whether Government had taken necessary steps to redress the grievances stated therein and what reply Government had given to her.

The Foreign Secretary Sir Olaf Caroe replied that the matter was under consideration and that Government had already separately signified their agreement to the release of the petitioner's husband on terms.

Standing Committees Of Central Legislature

NEW DELHI, March 20.

According to the new amendment promulgated by the Governor-General regarding the appointment of Standing Committees of the Indian Legislature, "the Standing Committees for departments other than Labour, Supply, Civil Defence and the Information and Broadcasting, will each consist of five members of the Indian Legislature, of whom two shall be members of the Council of State and three of the Legislative Assembly, the Standing Committees for labour, Supply and Civil Defence Departments will each consist of eight members of whom three shall be members of the Council of State and five of the Legislative Assembly and the Standing Committee for the Department of Information and Broadcasting will consist of seven members, of whom two shall be members of the Council of State and five of the Legislative Assembly."—United Press.

M.L.A.'S DON'T FAVOUR RAJAJI'S PROPOSAL

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, March 21.

Mrs. Naidu has been invited by the Congress Party, Central Assembly to tea to-morrow, when she is expected to address them on the present political situation 'vis-a-vis' Congress Lobby talks indicate that the Congress Party does not favour Mr. Rajagopalachariar's proposal for holding a convention of Central and Provincial Legislators for the purpose of demanding fresh general elections to Central and Provincial legislatures.

Bhulabhai Invited To Delhi

NEW DELHI, March 21.

The Congress Party members met Mrs. Naidu last evening and, it is believed, exchanged, for over two hours, views on current politics mainly arising out of the attendance by Congress members of the Assembly session.

The 'United Press' further learns that Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, Leader of the Congress Party, has been telegraphically requested by Party members to come to Delhi and give the benefit of his guidance and views firstly regarding attendance of the Assembly session and secondly regarding Mr. C. Rajagopalachari's suggestion that the Central Assembly members should convene an All-India Convention of the Members of the Legislatures, both Central and Provincial.

No reply appears to have yet come from Mr. Desai in Bombay.—United Press.

NIZAM ALLOWS EXPORT

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 20.—It is learnt that the Supply Department of the Nizam's Government has decided to allow export of five lakhs 'Pallas' cotton seed (one 'Palla' being equivalent to 120 seers), 40,000 tons groundnut oil, and 140,000 tons of pulses.—A.P.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, March 21.

The market ruled slightly easier to-day due to profit-taking. Business was satisfactory and Government securities were unchanged.

PARDIVALA GETS COSTS

Lahore Judgment In Contempt Of Court Case

LAHORE, March 21.

Judgment was pronounced to-day by a full bench of the Lahore High Court consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Abdul Rashid and Justice Sir Abdur Rahman, in the contempt of court case instituted by Mr. Pardivala, a Barrister of Bombay against Mr. E. W. C. Wace, Deputy Inspector General of Police, (C. I. D.) Punjab, Mr. W. D. Robinson, Superintendent of Police (C. I. D.) and Mr. Beg, Sub-Inspector of Police (C. I. D.).

Their lordships dismissed the petition against Mr. Wace as the petition against him had not been pressed by the petitioner. As regards Mr. Robinson and Mr. Beg, their lordships held that as they were not guilty of serious contempt, the petition against them also failed. Their lordships however found them guilty of a technical contempt and ordered that Mr. Robinson and Mr. Beg should pay Rs. 100 and Rs. 50 respectively towards the costs of Mr. Pardivala.—A. P.

Charge-Sheet Against Sarat Bose

CALCUTTA, March 20.

About 300 out of 1,000 political security prisoners in the province have so far been presented with their "charge sheets." by the Government of Bengal under the Restriction and Detention Ordinance, recently promulgated by the Central Government, it is now learnt.

About a dozen other political security prisoners, including Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, who are being detained under the orders of the Government of India, have already been informed of the "charges" against them through the Bengal Government.—A. P.

Prithvising Released

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 20.

Sardar Prithvising who was on parole and Shreepat Ramchandra Jog detained at Nasik have been released unconditionally.

Sabarmati Jail For Eight "Absconders"

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, March 21.

Eight political absconders of Ahmedabad who presented themselves before Poona C. I. D. have been removed to Sabarmati Jail after week's inquiry. These include B. K. Mazmudar, Manager Arvind Mills, Jayantilal Thakore, Dr. Chhotubhai Patel and others.

FOUR MORE ARRESTED

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Four more persons have been arrested as accused in connection with the alleged Kaprekar murder case, so that the number of the accused now becomes eleven. It is understood, says "Kolaba-Samachar" that quite a number of wanted persons from Chowk and Jambivli are still absconding.

Sakharam Ramji, one of the accused agreed to unearth the head of Kaprekar from where it was buried and did so in the presence of Mr. Juvekar, Resident-Magistrate Karjat. In the light of this development, "Kolaba-Samachar" urges once again that enough evidence has become available to authorise the investigating C.I.D. Mr. Valanju, to make further inquiries under Section 302 I.P.C. (murder) and unfold the probable conspiracy to organise this cold-blooded murder. The journal emphasises that the D.S.P. (Kolaba) cannot delay this step for long.

13 DETENUS RELEASED

MADRAS, March 21.—The Government of Madras have announced another batch of release of detenus consequent on the recommendations of the Revision Board. The latest batch numbers 13 and includes two women. It is understood that there is only one woman detenue now in prison.—A.P.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, March 20.
May 20.77; July 20.16; October 19.63
Middling spot 21.72
NEW ORLEANS COTTON
May 20.88; July 20.28; October 19.63
Middling spot 20.95
NEW YORK COTTON
May 20.75; July 20.14; October 19.57.
LONDON SILVER
LONDON, March 20.
Spot 23-1/2; Forward 23-1/2.
LONDON GOLD
London gold fine per oz £8-8-0.
LONDON EXCHANGES
T T London On:
New York sellers 4.02-1/2; buyers 4.03-1/2; Madrid official 44.00; Montreal sellers 4.43; buyers 4.47; Zurich sellers 17.3; buyers 17.4; Stockhom sellers 16.85; buyers 16.95
LONDON WHEAT
Wheat Rozario Santa (new crop) 37/6 May/June quoted; Wheat Australian (bulk) 34 Mar/April quoted Wheat Australian (bagged) 37 Mar/April quoted.
LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
Rupee paper 3-1/2 per cent £71-1/2 Consols 2-1/2 per cent £78-7/8; Conversion loan 3-1/2 per cent 1961 £104-1/16; War Loan 3-1/2 per cent £104-1/16; Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90 £114; Victory Londs 4 per cent £112 Chartered Bank of I. A and China £9-15/16; Hongkong and Shanghai (London Reg) £76; National Bank of India £36-1/4.

COTTON TEXTILE CONTROL

BOMBAY, March 21.—Matters relating to cotton textile control were discussed at a conference of representatives of Provincial Governments and States and the Textile Commissioner held here to-day. Mr. M. K. Vellody, Textile Commissioner, presided.

Unanimous decisions were taken on certain important matters arising out of the administration of the various control orders.

The discussions will be continued to-morrow.

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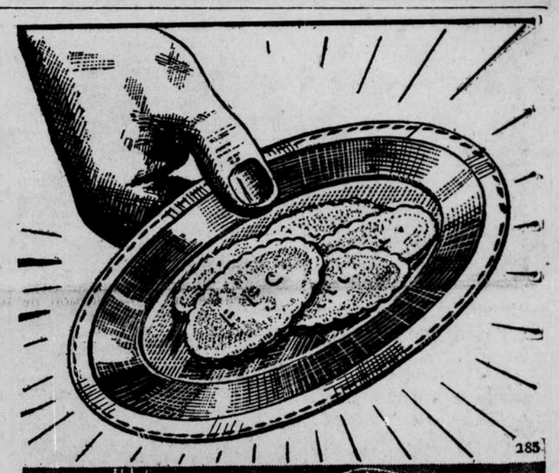

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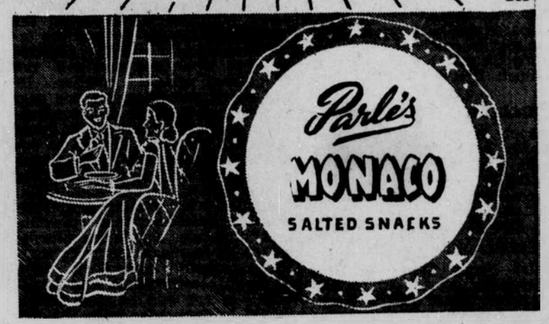

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MUTT AND JEFF—And This Puts Tillie in Class 1-A—Maybe

By BUD FISHER

MR. MUTT, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO! I CAN'T STOP MY LITTLE TILLIE FROM SAYING BAD WORDS!
NOW DON'T YOU WORRY, MRS. GLUTZ! LEAVE IT TO ME!
YOU SEE, LITTLE GIRL, I'M A DETECTIVE! I ARREST BAD LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS WHO USE BAD LANGUAGE!
YOU USE BAD LANGUAGE, DON'T YOU, TILLIE?
WHO TOLD YOU?
OH, A LITTLE BIRDIE TOLD ME!
WELL, HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?--
--AND I'VE BEEN FEEDIN' THEM PESKY LITTLE PUNKS ALL WINTER!

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OUR TABULATED ADLETS

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20. MATRIMONIAL

Hindu match well settled in life for Graduate daughter of an Officer. Reply Box No. 4409, "Bombay Chronicle."

42. SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted an experienced Bill Collector, willing to give security having some knowledge of building petty repairs. Apply with copies of testimonials stating age and minimum salary expected to Box No. 8208, 'Bombay Chronicle."

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Wanted Expert to manufacture Rexin Cloth, Book Binding Cloth and Calico Printing on descent remuneration. Apply Box No. 4337, "Bombay Chronicle."

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Wanted a qualified experienced Chemist for a Vegetable Ghee Factory. Apply with copies of testimonials to Box No. 4424 "Bombay Chronicle."

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Wanted by a married couple from respectable family, 2 rooms flat or single room as a sub-tenant with private family. Please apply to Box No. 4421, "Bombay Chronicle."

69. FLATS WANTED.

Gujarati Hindu Bachelor, young respectable Registered Accountant, Auditor, decent cultured vegetarian, wants room or small flat, preferably furnished independent or with family with board if possible Box No. 4390, "Bombay Chronicle."

142. EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Failed (Preliminary) Matriculates! Pass Senior Cambridge (December) Examination. Mathematics, Second Language omissible. Oral postal training. Bombay Tutorial College, Dhobitalao. 4401

141. MEDICAL ADLETS

Eye Cataract: Dimness Cuts improves sight. Wasting time to Doctors, Hospitals. Write with stamp G. M. Makwana, Malad. (4341)

FINANCE & PARTNERSHIP

Partnership is open to Financier, who can invest rupees three lakhs on cotton piecegoods purchase and sale by Bombay branch of an established firm. Apply Box No. 8195, "Bombay Chronicle."

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651. MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Can supply Lunch and Dinner on production of Ration Cards. Inquiry 48, Kooka House, 4th Floor, Grant Road Corner. (4359)

Spectacle Frames metal celluloid repaired:— Ram Agency (India) Dadar, Dial 61438. (4314)

632. MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

For Sale:—Newar, Tapes and Belts Manufacturing Looms, Swivel motion complete latest design Warping beam not required. Apply Box No. 4416, "Bombay Chronicle."

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
BEVIN TRAINING SCHEME
XITH BATCH

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from persons prepared to volunteer for training under the above scheme. Candidates residents or employed in Bombay should apply to the Chairman National Service Labour Tribunal Hassan Chambers Parsi Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay, before 3rd of April 1944. Candidates should be young men not below 18 years of age healthy, intelligent, able to read and write and do simple calculations and know English sufficiently well to understand and make them understood, and possess manual dexterity. Candidates should necessarily have at least 3 years practical experience in any engineering workshop in such trades as fitting turning, machining, welding etc. Applications are particularly invited from persons with aircraft and automobile experience. Candidates are advised to obtain their present employer's recommendations regarding character and technical ability as this will avoid delay while further references are made. Employers are requested to encourage suitable candidates to apply. Electricians and draughtsmen are not eligible. Applications are particularly invited from members of the Muslims and scheduled caste communities. Full particulars of the scheme and application forms are available at Tribunal's Office. (8204)

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORIENTAL GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy numbered 90916 on the life of Mr. Manishankar Chandrashankar Bhatt. The duplicate Policy will be issued unless objection is lodged with us within one month from this date
(Sd.) H. E. JONES,
Manager.
Bombay, D|- 22 March, 1944.
4427

NOTICE

WANTED A DISTRICT ENGINEER for the Saran District Board on a salary of Rs. 600|50|2-800 plus travelling allowance at the rates admissible for officers of the first class according to the rules in force time to time. None need apply who does not possess the qualifications prescribed in Rules 2 and 5 of Bengal Government Notification No. 3334 L.S.-G., dated the 20th December, 1901, as amended by B. & O. Government Notification No. 1255 L.S.G.R., dated the 14th August 1928, reproduced at pages 607-608 of Roy Chowdhery's L.S.-G. Reference Book (2nd Edition) and further amended by B. & O. Government Notification No. 545 L.S.G.R., dated the 20th May, 1935.

Preference will be given to a candidate who has special experience in road construction and who is a native of the Province of Bihar or domiciled therein. The candidate must state his previous experience and age. Application should be submitted in a sealed and registered cover, addressed to the undersigned and superscribed "Application for appointment of District Engineer.' Each application must be accompanied by all the necessary certificates and testimonials, in original, required by the rules published under the Government Notifications above referred to, with a suitable envelope, addressed and sufficiently stamped for registration in which they can be returned in the event of the application being unsuccessful. The selected candidate will be appointed on a contract of 5 years, the contract being terminable on three months' notice by either party, will have to join at once and shall have to occupy the D. F. Bungalow reserved for the District Engineer on a monthly rent of 10 p. c. of his salary

No travelling allowance will be paid to any candidate if called for an interview or for joining the appointment after selection. Canvassing will be considered a disqualification and no candidate should seek interview unless invited. The last date up to which applications will be received is the 20th April, 1944.

B. K. DUTT,
Special Officer,
I|C
Saran District Board.
Dated, Chapra, (Bihar),
The 17th March, 1944.
8214

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
APPOINTMENT OF A JUNIOR LEGAL ASSISTANT

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of a Junior Legal Assistant to the Bombay Municipality. The applicant must be a practising Solicitor of at least 7 years standing. The pay of the post is Rs. 450-25-725, and the selected candidate will be required to serve wholetime and will not be allowed private practice. He will be on probation for one year in the first instance and confirmed thereafter if his work is found to be satisfactory. He will be entitled to the benefits of the Municipal Leave and Provident Fund Regulations.

Applications stating age, nationality, qualifications, previous experience etc. should be submitted so as to reach the undersigned on or before 17th April, 1944. Copies of testimonials and certificates of age and physical fitness should be forwarded with the applications in the prescribed forms to be obtained from the Office of the Municipal Commissioner on payment of annas eight each.

Canvassing directly or indirectly will disqualify the applicant.

M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner.
Municipal Offices, Bombay.
Dated, 18th March '44.
8205

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED only from candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes for training as artisans in the Government of India Presses, Calcutta, New Delhi and Simla. The total number of apprentices to be taken is 20-8 in the Calcutta Press (Hand Composing 3, Machine and Press 2, Binding 3), 8 in the New Delhi Press (Casting 1, Hand Composing 4, Machine and Press 2, Binding 1) and 4 in the Simla Press (Casting 1, Hand Composing 1, Machine and Press 1, Binding 1).

2. Candidates must not be below 17 or over 22 years of age on 1st April 1944 and are required to have a fair secondary education. They will be on training for two years. Preference will be given to those who have passed the Matriculation or equivalent examination. The selected candidates will be granted a subsistence allowance of Rs. 20 p.m. each if matriculates or Rs 15 p.m. each if non-matriculates.

3. Application forms and rules may be obtained from the Manager of the Press nearest to the place of residence of the candidates by 1st April 1944 and returned duly completed to the respective Managers by the 16th April 1944.

R. K. MITRA,
Controller of Printing and Stationery, India.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE CEMENT MARKETING CO. OF INDIA, LTD.

The public are hereby informed that with effect from the 17th March, 1944, the correct maximum price for all brands of ordinary Portland Cement marketed by us in Bombay is :

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BENARES HINDU UNIVERSITY
NOTICE

HOLKAR FELLOWSHIP

THREE FELLOWSHIPS tenable outside India of the annual value of Rs. 3,000|- each will be awarded —one in the Arts including English Literature, Indology, Philosophy, History, Economics, Political Science, Mathematics, Law, Teaching and Commerce—one in Science including Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany and Geology and one in Technology including Industrial Chemistry, Civil and Mechanical & Electrical Engineering, Mining and Metallurgy, Glass Technology, Ceramics, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Agricultural Research. These are open to the students of the Benares Hindu University and the junior members of the staff, Tutors, Demonstrators or Assistant Professors in exceptional cases:—

(i) Members of the teaching staff shall have put in five years of service in the University if they are not graduates of the Benares Hindu University.
(ii) The Fellowship will be tenable for a year and may be renewed. No one will be awarded the Fellowship for more than two years.
(iii) Each Fellow shall devote himself exclusively to higher studies and research in his special subject and shall not hold any other appointment or service.

The last date for the receipt of application with copies of testimonials and the subject proposed for research is 30th June, 1944. The applications should be addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, Benares Hindu University.

(Sd.).....
For Registrar.
Benares,
The 15th of March, 1944.
8219

TENDER NOTICE NO. CX20027|P12

THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER, BOMBAY invites tenders for the following:—

Vests Cotton Knitted Round Neck, Half Sleeves, Size 28' & 30"—16,000 Nos. each. Size 32'—48,000 Nos.

2. Tender forms may be obtained from the Office of the Textile Commissioner (Section PXE17) Shahibag House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay on payment of Rs. 7|- per set. The money is not refundable and forms not transferable Payment should be made in cash or by Money Order to the Textile Commissioner, Bombay quoting Tender No. and remitter's full address on the Money Order coupon. Samples in duplicate exemplifying the supply must reach the Office of the Textile Commissioner by the 3rd April, 1944.

3. Firms when submitting their Tenders must state quantities they can offer ex-stock for immediate delivery.

4. Tenders will be publicly opened at 11-00 hrs. on the 4th April, 1944.
8213

CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES, BOMBAY.

INVITES TENDERS No. GABS|2 P on Form obtainable for Rs. 10|- per set (not refundable or transferable), paid in cash or by Money Order (quoting Tender No., full name and address of remitter) before 4 P.M. on 3-4-1944 for:

1. Cartons Cream with lids size 2 oz.
2. Cartons Cream with lids size 4 oz.
3. Hoods bottles milk.
4. Hoods bottles cream.

Public opening at 11 A.M. on 4-4-1944. Offers to remain open till 24-4-44.

Applicants not in approved Supply Department list must give banker's reference in application for tender form.
8209

NOTICE

Applications for the following posts are invited by the Controller of Government Grain Shops, Council Hall, Bombay.

(1) TEMPORARY INSPECTORS on Rs. 120|- per month. Qualification: Graduates.
(2) CASHIERS on Rs. 60|- per month. Qualification: Matriculation. A cash deposit of Rs. 400|- is required.

Dearness allowance of Rs. 14|- per month in both cases.

Those domiciled in the Bombay Province only need apply.
(8164)

THE WESTERN INDIA TANNERIES, LIMITED

NOTICE OF INTERIM DIVIDEND

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the above Company has at its Meeting held on the 18th March, 1944, declared an interim dividend of 12½% per annum free of income-tax on the paid-up amount of the shares for the half year ended 30th June, 1943, payable on and after the 17th April, 1944 to those Shareholders whose names appear in the Company's Register as on Saturday the 8th April, 1944.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED as from MONDAY, the 10th April, 1944 to Saturday, the 15th April, 1944 (both days inclusive).

Dated this 18th day of March, 1944.

By the Order of the Board,
PRATAP PANDIT & CO.,
Managing Agents
8206

BENARES HINDU UNIVERSITY
NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from distinguished M.As. and M.Scs. of the Benares Hindu University who have passed their M.A. or M.Sc. Examinations in the year 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1944 in the First or High Second Class for J. K. Fellowships of Rs. 75|- per month tenable for one year in the first instance for doing research work in Mathematics, Economics and Commerce in the Faculty of Arts; Physics, Chemistry and Geology in the Faculty of Science; Industrial Chemistry, Ceramics, Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Glass Technology in the Faculty of Technology. Further particulars may be had from the Registrar. Applications must be sent by registered post to the Registrar, Benares Hindu University so as to reach him on or before the 30th of June, 1944.

G. P. MEHTA.
Registrar
Benares,
The 3rd of March, 1944.
(8217)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

Mr. JOSEPH PETER GONSALVES of Bandra, Christian Inhabitant, the proving Executor of the Will of Ignatius Manuel Gonsalves has contracted to sell to my client three vacant pieces of land at Vile-Parle, belonging to the estate of the deceased bearing Survey Nos. 25, 26 and 29 and Hissa No. 2, (part) 9, and 25 respectively admeasuring together 30½ Gunthas or 3690 Square Yards.

ALL persons claiming any interest in any of the said pieces of land are requested to inform about the same in writing to the undersigned at his Office at Alli Chambers, Fort, Bombay or at his Bungalow "Vaidya Cottage", Vile-Parle within 14 days, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1944.

K. K. VAIDYA,
Purchaser's Attorney.
8211

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, S. K. NABAR, Sole Proprietor of Swadeshi Stationery Mart and S. K. Nabar and Co., did on 28th February, 1944, sell to Kale's Sales Association, Mherwan Bldg., Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay, the entire stock in trade and furniture of mine in the above business and I will not any more carry on business in the aforesaid names and will not be responsible for any debts and dues incurred by any one carrying in the said business in the said names after the 29th February, 1944.

We Kale's Sales Association the purchasers abovenamed give notice that we are desirous of carrying on business in the name of Swadeshi Stationery Mart and S. K. Nabar & Co., but not be liable for any debts owing by the said business prior to the 1st March, 1944.

S. K. NABAR,
Seller,
For Kale's Sales Association,
V. G. GANGAL,
Purchaser.
(8220)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT IMAMWADA PIROO LANE.

Under instructions from the Court Receiver High Court, pursuant to the Decretal Order of Reference to Commissioner passed in Suit No. 1032 of 1943 (Balvantrao K. Desai Esq., V|S. Jumabhai Husseinbhai & ors. on the 14th September, 1943) M|s. BENNETT & CO. will sell by Public Auction TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 22nd March, 1944, at 4-30 P. M. (N.S.T.) the undermentioned at the premises.

ALL that piece of Pension & Tax land (now redeemed) admeasuring about 244 Sq. Yds. with building thereon situate at Imamwada Rd. Piroo lane bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1884 in Mandvi Division. Municipal "B" Ward Nos. 2348, 3408, St. Nos. 49' 84 & 92 and bounded on the East and North by the property of Ahmedbhai Husseinbhai, on the West by Piroo Lane and on the South by Jail Road, now Imamwada Road.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to M|s. M. N. Mankar & Co. C. R.'s Attorneys or the undersigned.

BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE of Teakwood Dining, Drawing, and Bedroom Furniture, Phillips Radiogram with Gerard automatic 8 record changer 9 Val made in Holland 1938 Model, Phillips Cycle and numerous other articles on Friday the 24th inst. at 3 p. m. (N.S.T.) at Imperial Mansion (2nd floor) at Cuffe Parade, Property of R. W. S. Butterfield Esq. C.I.E. On view from 10 to 12 a. m. and 5 to 7 p. m.

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF COUNTRY TEAK, JUNGLE WOOD, CHIR SLEEPERS, BETA PACK FIRE WOOD, ETC.

By order of the Asst. Director and Officer-in-Charge, Military Timber Depot, Sewree, Messrs. Gandhi & Co. will offer for Sale by Public Auction on TUESDAY the 28th inst. at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at Military Stores Depot, near Lever Brothers Soap Factory, Haji Bunder, Sewree: Jungle Wood thin boards, Country Teak, C. P. Teak, Chir Sleepers, Side Slabs, Coniferous and large lots of Beta Pack Firewood lying at Vadala Depot, are open for inspection.

Terms:—20 per cent deposit.

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES (A STABLE OF BUFFALOES AND A CHAWL) AT THE BACK SIDE OF BYCULLA STATION, DE'LISLE ROAD.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO. will, under instructions from the Court Receiver, High Court, Bombay, as the Receiver appointed in Bombay, High Court, Suit No. 1900 of 1940 (Habibabi Widow of Haji Alimahomed Jalaluddin, Plaintiff Versus Sugrabegum, widow of Haji Alimahomed Jalaluddin and others defendants) in pursuance of the Order for Sale of the said properties made in the said Suit dated 6th January, 1944 sell by Public Auction the undermentioned properties in a lot on Thursday, 6th April, 1944 at 4 p.m. (S.T.) on the premises.

FIRSTLY—ALL that piece of land of 3323 square yards, situate on and being Plot No. 101 of the East Agripada North Estate of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay registered under New Survey No. 3464 and Cadastral Survey No. 1|1130 of Byculla Division together with 5 sheds standing thereon which said premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward Nos. 7175(2-3-3A), 7175(5), 7175(6), Street Nos. 6a, 6b, 6c and 6.

SECONDLY—ALL that piece of land of Government tenure admeasuring 389 square yards and registered under New Nos. 13756, 13757, and New Survey No. 13464 Cadastral Survey No. 1931 of Byculla Division and situate at De Lisle Road bears E Ward No. 7175 (1) Street Nos. 642|644.

For particulars apply to Messrs. Mulla and Mulla, Attorneys for the Court Receiver at their Office at 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay or to the Undersigned.

GANDHI & CO.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BENARES HINDU UNIVERSITY.
NOTICE.

WITH effect from the Session 1944-45, fifteen stipends of the value of Rs. 30|- p. m. each will be awarded for two years, tenable for TEN months in each year, to those who prosecute a course of study in Indian Philosophy and Religion in the University. Applicants should have taken either Sanskrit, or Indian Philosophy, or Ancient Indian History for their Bachelor's degree course. Knowledge of Sanskrit is essential. Those who have had Sanskrit at least at the Intermediate course will be preferred. Applications, giving full particulars, should reach the Vice-Chancellor, on or before the 15th June, 1944.

G. P. MEHTA.
Registrar.
Benares,
The 3rd of March, 1944.
(6218)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS will be received by the Economic Botanist, Bengal, P. O. Tejgaon, Dacca upto the 4th April, 1944 from Muslim candidates for a temporary post of Horticultural Assistant, Dacca, on Rs. 140|- per month.

Qualifications required: M. Sc. in Botany or Agricultural Graduate with Post-Graduate Training in Horticulture and research experience in a Horticultural Experimental Station for about 2 years.

M. CARBERY,
Director of Agriculture, Bengal.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

BENARES HINDU UNIVERSITY
NOTICE

FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP

SHANKER LAKSHMI LOAN SCHOLARSHIP for technical studies abroad open to Kayastha Graduates of the Benares Hindu University. Amount Rs. 1,050|- a year tenable for three years. The scholarship will be awarded from October, 1944 or 1945 if the international situation improves. Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, Benares Hindu University. All applications must reach the Registrar, Benares Hindu University on or before the 30th of June, 1944.

(Sd.)
For Registrar.
Benares,
The 15th of March, 1944.
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